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40,000 children fall to Lebanon ambition

Unacceptable, unbearable, inhuman: Unicef

BEIRUT, June 5, (UPI): The UN International Children's Fund in Lebanon said today more than 40,000 children have been killed in 15 years of civil war and that an entire generation has grown up "with fear in their hearts and panic in their minds."

"Leave them in peace, give them a chance that might be the last chance of the country," Unicef representative Andre Roberfroid told a news conference at the UN Information Centre in Beirut.

"To all who have any responsibility, I ask them consider that children are no part in this conflict."

childhood in a climate of war and aggression. He said that during 15 years of war the children have witnessed violence and aggression "as normal organisation of human society."

"Thousands of children have been subjected to stress and fear, of guns and bullets, of shells and bombs," he said. "They have learned to hide and live underground with fear in their hearts and panic in their minds."

The values of solidarity and tolerance as well as the wish to know and meet each other have almost disappeared, he added.

"Is this not enough? Will the Lebanese society, will the world tolerate that a second generation be soon hit and destroyed in the same way?" he asked. "Can we accept that there is no other way than aggressing children to resolve our adult conflicts and differences?"

Roberfroid said the situation must be denounced as being unacceptable, unbearable and inhuman. He said children were the prime and most severely affected victims and they bear no responsibility.

He said that according to most reliable records, no fewer than 40,000 children have been killed in Lebanon over the past 15 years as a result of direct human military aggression. Many more have been wounded, crippled or handicapped.

There are no official statistics on the civil war casualties except those gathered by the media and humanitarian organisations.

Oil quota violation Kuwait denies

KUWAIT, June 5, (UPI): Kuwait today denied that it was producing oil over and above its Opec-decreed quota, but hinted that it would exceed that level if other members failed to stick to their quotas.

"Our adherence to the recent Opec resolutions in Geneva should not be in any doubt," Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah, Kuwait's oil minister, told the official Kuwaiti Kuna news agency in a statement.

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Soviets put off emigration law

MOSCOW, June 5, (AP): The Soviet legislature today postponed until at least September adoption of a new emigration law that Washington says is necessary before it will give Moscow preferential trade status.

President Mikhail Gorbachev and US President George Bush signed a bilateral trade agreement at the Washington summit, but Bush said he won't press the US Congress to grant the Soviet Union most-favoured-nation trading status until the emigration legislation is passed.

Some members of the Supreme Soviet legislature complained that delaying final passage of the legislation will mean their country will again be accused of deceiving the West because it promised the emigration law would be passed this month.

"We will turn out to be cheats. We won't be trusted. They will say, 'well, they made a promise and again the Soviet Union is deceiving,'" Nikolai Medvedev, a Supreme Soviet member from Lithuania told the session.

The United States government yesterday expressed the hope that the Soviets "will live up to their commitments to permit Soviet Jewish emigration" to Israel.

State Department spokeswoman Margaret Turwiler said the US is "confused" by what Gorbachev meant at his joint press conference with President Bush.

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Steps to reduce Indo-Pak tension

Package offer

ISLAMABAD, June 5, (Agencies): An Indian promise to withdraw an armoured division poised close to Pakistan's border coupled with proposals for confidence-building measures could reduce fears of all-out war between the neighbours.

But Pakistani officials said today they had yet to be convinced India was genuine in wanting to reduce military and political posturing over a Muslim uprising in Kashmir.

"If we feel that they want a genuine redeployment that would get a good response from us," a senior Foreign Ministry official said.

Pakistan could be ready to send troops back to peacetime positions once it is convinced India's unilateral promise to withdraw an armoured division is genuine, he said.

An Indian Foreign Ministry spokesman said today the withdrawal of the armoured division from the Mahajan range in the Rajasthan desert was "on schedule and well under way" but would take several days.

Prime Minister V.P. Singh said today that India has moved to check worsening tensions with Pakistan after months of diplomatic feuding and increased military build-up.

"We have offered them a package of proposals," Singh told reporters at New Delhi airport on returning from a five-day trip to Malaysia. "We hope there will be a friendly response."

Singh did not give details of the package or say when the proposals were made. Asked if the proposals included the possibility of a meeting with Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, he said: "One act of good faith by Pakistan will completely change the situation. We do not need a summit to solve problems."

In Islamabad, Benazir called a meeting of her cabinet's defence committee today to discuss the Indian proposals.

V. P. Singh for all-party government

NEW DELHI, June 5, (Kuna): Indian Prime Minister Vishwanath Pratap Singh today said that he is in favour of all-party federal government in India.

He did not mind in stepping down from the prime ministership if that helps in emergence of national consensus, Singh said at a press conference on his return from an official visit to Malaysia.

"Heaven is not going to fall if V. P. Singh is thrown out," he stated.

Singh, who had gone to Malaysia to attend the meeting of G-15 countries, said "I am all for consensus on the national issues. If there can be such a consensus on national issues I would stand by it because it is in my own line of thinking."

He said: "We want to go from personalised politics to issue-based politics."

He, however, said he had not discussed proposal of national government at the centre with his party colleagues. This is a matter for discussion with all.

Asked whether he would like the Congress (I) also to be involved in the national government, the prime minister said, "yes."

The prime minister said in democracy every government and prime minister must be under pressure. Then only things will improve.

Gibson with Hawn

Hollywood burnout troubles stars. In an exclusive interview Mel Gibson talks about coping with stress. He "switches off" to regenerate energy. The father of six children and a heartthrob — Gibson is pictured with Goldie Hawn in the under-production movie Birds On A Wire. (Interview Page 17)

Supreme Court rules for Enrile

Cory to abide by decision

MANILA, June 5, (Agencies): The Supreme Court today quashed indictments against Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile and 22 others charged in December's failed coup, ruling invalid the crime of which they were accused.

Chief Justice Marcelo Fernan said the justices voted 11-2 against reviewing a 1956 decision overturning a charge called "rebellion complexed with murder." Two justices were absent or abstained Fernan said.

"I think the Supreme Court, although the members are all appointees of President Aquino, remains faithful to their role as guardians of liberty," Enrile said. "I am happy for the country."

Enrile and the others faced charges stemming from the Dec. 1-9 coup attempt, in which 113 people were killed. It was the sixth and most serious attempt to overthrow the government of President Corazon Aquino.

In 1956, the court held that killings that occurred during an armed uprising should be treated differently than crimes with more common motives. The court said then that defendants should be charged simply with rebellion, and not both rebellion and murder.

Rebellion is punishable by six to 12 years imprisonment, and defendants are allowed bail. Murder is non-bailable and is punishable by life imprisonment.

Aquino's legal adviser, Adolfo Azcuna, said the government would abide by the decision but added it may seek reconsideration. Under Philippine law, Supreme Court rulings become final after 10 days, during which parties to the case can ask for reconsideration.

Justice Secretary Franklin Drilon said earlier the government would charge Enrile with rebellion if the court upheld the 1956 decision.

Fernan said the majority believed there were grounds to prosecute Enrile and the others for rebellion.

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Shift in focus: As the executive committee of the PLO meets Tuesday, a committee member and key aide to Palestinian President Yasser Arafat confirmed a shift in diplomatic focus from Egypt to Iraq. Abdullah Hourani, in an interview with the Washington Post, said that by identifying more closely with Iraq, the PLO hopes that "maybe the Americans will try to understand us better. Maybe they will try to understand we are not ready to surrender." (Kuna)

PLO meeting in Baghdad: The PLO's ruling executive committee convened on Tuesday to discuss US threats to sever a dialogue it had initiated with the PLO more than two years ago. Palestinian sources said. (AP)

Franco-Saudi deal for frigates: France and Saudi Arabia agreed on Tuesday that French firms would invest millions of dollars in Saudi Arabian industry in a multi-million dollar deal under which Paris is to sell three frigates to the Arab kingdom. (Reuters)

Saadah, Sassin join cabinet: Two prominent Christian parliamentarians, George Saadah and Michel Sassin, on Tuesday joined the cabinet under President Elias Hrawi after six months of hesitation to accept their posts. Saadah, who is also President of the Christian Phalange Party, and Sassin visited Hrawi before he departed to Egypt on Tuesday and formally informed him that they would immediately undertake their governmental tasks. (UPI)

Lavish entertainment key feature in Kuwait campaigning tactics

KUWAIT, June 5, (Reuters): Lavish entertainment has taken over as possibly the most effective campaigning tactic in Kuwait, where voters on Sunday elect a new National Interim Council.

Dozens of newspaper advertisements today invited voters to dinner banquets organised by candidates.

Kuwaitis say dinner parties have proven effective in luring voters out of their homes and into the summer heat to attend election meetings and discussions.

Some of the campaigning tents — all carpeted and furnished with chairs and coffee tables — are air-conditioned.

Wealthy candidates hire caterers, including five-star hotels, to handle their dinner parties. The less rich rely on Egyptian and Asian cooks, who prepare meals in small tents set up beside the large ones used for campaigning.

Witnesses said some candidates this week were attracting 200 to 300 voters to their campaign meetings every night, while others could only manage a few dozen. A usual dinner consists of rice and lamb, tea, coffee and cold drinks.

Kuwaitis say such tactics are traditional in a country whose vast oil wealth and foreign investments rate it among the world's richest nations.

"It is certainly not a way of winning votes. It is our tradition," said candidate Jaser Al Jaser. "We eat and then talk over tea," said Jaser.

Twenty-seven candidates pulled out today, leaving 350 to contest the elections and bringing to 217 the number of those who have withdrawn since registration closed on May 9.

The Ministry of Interior today announced the closing of candidacy withdrawal from running to the June 10 elections.

In a statement issued today, the ministry said 350 candidates will contest for 50 seats in 25 constituencies.



Colombian soccer player Carlos Valderrama stretches his team mate Luis Carlos Perea during a training session in Bologna. (Reuters wirephoto) (See Page 19)

Soviet ethnic clashes: 11 die

Emergency imposed

MOSCOW, June 5, (AP): Ethnic Uzbeks and Kirghiz clashed for a second day today in the Central Asian border city of Osh, leaving 11 people dead and prompting authorities to impose a state of emergency, Soviet media reported.

More than 200 people were reported injured in the rioting that began last night over a land dispute between the two predominantly Muslim ethnic groups in Osh, a city in western Kirghizia near the border with Uzbekistan.

Fighting continued today in Osh between groups numbering from 200 to 600 people, the Interfax news agency reported. An Interior Ministry master sergeant and a police cadet were among the dead, it said.

"The situation is very grave and it's getting worse," Khalil Tashmatov, head of the Osh branch of the Interior Ministry, said in a telephone interview. He said Soviet troops were trying to maintain order but "there aren't enough of them."

At least seven houses were set ablaze along with eight cars last night in the city of about 210,000 according to the official Soviet news agency Tass and Interfax, which is affiliated with state-run Radio Moscow.

The clashes, the latest in a series of outbreaks of ethnic unrest across the Soviet Union, came as President Mikhail Gorbachev returned home from the Washington summit meeting to face an array of domestic woes.

At least 51 people were arrested and a 10 pm to 6 am curfew was in force in Osh and adjacent areas, with Interior Ministry troops patrolling the streets, setting up roadblocks and guarding industrial sites, Tass and Interfax said.

Soviet cuts not enough — Nato

BRUSSELS, June 5, (Reuters): Nato shrugged off fresh nuclear arms cuts announced by the Soviet Union today as a "small step" that fell far short of reductions wanted by the West.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said in Denmark Moscow would reduce its nuclear capability in Central Europe by 60 tactical rocket launchers and more than 250 nuclear artillery pieces, and it would withdraw 1,500 nuclear warheads.

A spokesman for the 16-nation Western military alliance in Brussels said Nato had repeatedly urged Moscow to reduce its huge tactical nuclear arsenal in Europe.

"The present announcement is only a small step in that direction and we expect more to follow," he said.

Nato, which has almost 4,000 nuclear warheads in Europe, had withdrawn more than 2,400 warheads over the past decade and recently agreed not to modernise nuclear artillery or its battlefield Lance missile, the spokesman said.

A Soviet embassy official in Copenhagen said the figures announced by Shevardnadze had not been disclosed before but were a continuation of unilateral cuts announced previously.

Shevardnadze told reporters the new reduction would mean only a small level of Soviet tactical nuclear weapons would remain in Europe by the end of 1990.

Shevardnadze also told 35-nation human rights conference in Denmark that Soviet differences with the United States over Germany's military future could be worked out in a compromise.

US Secretary of State James Baker planned to assure Shevardnadze at a meeting tonight that the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation would undertake a review of its mission in light of lowered East-West tensions, US officials said.

Baker also will propose to Shevardnadze an acceleration of negotiations to remove short-range nuclear weapons from Europe, they said.

Before meeting Baker, Shevardnadze said only the victors of World War Two plus Bonn and East Berlin could decide the fate of Germany.

"The solution must be found within the framework of the six, and not anywhere else, behind the backs of the Germans or any other Europeans," he told the meeting.

Shevardnadze said there was agreement that only World War Two victors — the United States, Soviet Union, Britain, France and the two German states could resolve the issue.

The Soviet Union has reduced the number of naval vessels and military aircraft deployed in the Far East, Japanese Defence Agency officials said today.

Akira Hiyoshi, director of the agency's bureau of defence policy, said information from Defence Agency bases indicates the Soviet Union is reducing the size of its navy near Japan by decommissioning or mothballing old ships.

INTERNATIONAL

Bomb blasts kill eight, wound 35 in Punjab

Police alert for 6th versary of army assault on Golden Temple

CHANDIGARH, India, June 5, (UPI): Three bombs planted by Sikh extremists exploded yesterday in two cities in northern Punjab state, killing eight people and wounding 35 others during a traditional ritual in which Hindu children pass out sweetened water to passersby.

At least six of the dead and most of the wounded were children and many victims were listed in critical condition with the death toll expected to rise, police said.

The blasts occurred as police in Punjab

were on alert against violence on the sixth anniversary of the Indian Army's assault on the Golden Temple of Amritsar, Sikhdom's holiest shrine.

The army staged the attack June 4, 1984, to oust a group of Sikh extremists led by the charismatic preacher Jarnail Singh Bhindranwala, who had occupied the temple complex and erected heavy fortifications.

More than 700 Sikhs were killed, including Bhindranwala and his closest aides. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, who ordered the

assault, was assassinated four months later by two of her Sikh security guards in revenge for the attack on the temple that had outraged the Sikh community.

The first bomb exploded yesterday near a water stand set up outside a Hindu-owned school in Patiala, a city 45 miles (70 km) southwest of the state capital of Chandigarh, police said.

The bomb, hidden inside the baggage carrier of a bicycle, killed six children and wounded 22 others, police said.



General Mirza Beg

Coups bid to oust Benazir

Beg for iron hand

KARACHI, June 5, (UPI): Ethnic urban warfare that claimed more than 350 lives in southern Pakistan late last month was part of an unsuccessful attempt to oust Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, militant sources and analysts said today.

"It was just a blind attempt to topple the government, but it ultimately failed," said one commentator, noting that the clashes worsened already strained relations between various ethnic and political groups in the region.

More than 350 people died and hundreds were wounded in eight days of ethnic clashes that began May 26 when police opened fire on a crowd in Hyderabad, killing at least 44 people.

Police said officers in Hyderabad were attempting to recover weapons from members of the Mohajir Qaumi Movement (MQM), an opposition party representing Muslim migrants from India, opening fire after militants sprayed police with automatic weapons fire while using women as shields.

The trouble then spread to Karachi, Pakistan's largest city, 150 miles (240 km) to the southwest, where members of rival ethnic groups fought gunbattles in the streets, clashed with police and indulged in indiscriminate shooting.

Several areas of the two cities remain under curfew enforced by troops.

"The MQM militants out of bitterness want to get rid of Benazir and they feel that at least under martial law they would not be victimised," said the former legislator. "They feel that the army would be more impartial toward them than the police."

Analysts say the MQM have become more bitter and isolated following the latest unrest, alienating other ethnic groups, possibly leading to further violence.

The situation has been aggravated by the easy availability of automatic weapons intended for the 12-year-old civil war in neighbouring Afghanistan.

The latest outbreak was the bloodiest since Benazir took office in December 1988 following 11 years of dictatorial rule by president Gen. Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, who died in a mysterious plane crash three months earlier.

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Train collision kills 11

HYDERABAD, June 5, (UPI): Two trains collided in the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh, killing 11 people and injuring at least 63 others, officials said.

A Bombay-bound passenger train collided at 10:45 pm yesterday with a freight train between Shankarpalli and Gallagudi in the Secunderabad-Wadi section of the south-central railway, about 30 miles (50 km) west of the state capital of Hyderabad, the authorities said.

At least 11 people were killed and 63 others were injured in the collision, officials said.

One of the passengers, Sunil Padture, told the Press Trust of India news agency that most people in his rail car tumbled from their sleeping berths when the trains collided.

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Killings stop, fear persists

Sri Lanka scenario

COLOMBO, June 5, (Reuters): Sri Lankans called them "chicken farms" because they produced a regular supply of "broilers."

The "farms" were detention camps run by the military where suspected rebels were held during a left-wing insurgency that almost toppled the government last year.

At night, unmarked jeeps would drive through the gates, armed men would jump out, bundle a group of detainees into the vehicle and drive off into the darkness.

The next morning, a pile of corpses smouldering on car tyres would be found by the side of a road. These were the "broilers."

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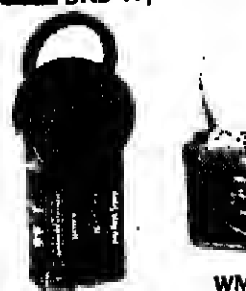
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Michael Jackson to undergo diagnostic tests

SANTA MONICA, California, June 15, (AP) — Entertainer Michael Jackson was hospitalized in stable condition yesterday and undergoing tests for chest pains. His sister LaToya, said he was fine and she sent him a dozen black roses.

The 31-year-old Jackson, who had been ill for several days, became alarmed Sunday evening at his Los Angeles home when pain gripped his chest. His doctor drove him to the hospital.

"He wasn't moaning or turning over in pain or anything, but I could tell there was discomfort," Jackson spokesman Bob Jones said after seeing the entertainer at St. John's Hospital and Health Centre.

"He's undergoing several important tests today. I don't think it was a heart attack. He just experienced some discomfort. He had been feeling bad the past two or three days," said Jones.

Jackson, 31, was rehearsing dance steps, which he uses as a form of exercise, at his Encino home when he began experiencing the pains Sunday night, his spokesman, Jones, said.

The clean-living, lean pop star, who shuns alcohol, cigarettes and junk food, has no history of health problems. But Jones said the recent deaths of his maternal grandmother and of entertainer Sammy Davis Jr had put Jackson under some stress.

Brother Jermaine Jackson left the hospital after noon and said, "He's lying in bed, resting comfortably."

The ailing singer received a get-well message from the White House. "President

(George) Bush just called to wish Michael Jackson well," said Jones.

Jackson is in the same hospital, on the same floor as his friend, Elizabeth Taylor. The actress has been recovering from a near-fatal bout of pneumonia and complications for nearly two months.

Miss Taylor was in stable condition yesterday, according to Chen Sam and Associates, the New York City public relations firm representing the actress.

The hospital released a statement yesterday saying Jackson remained hospitalized and

"his physician, Dr. Steven Hoeftlin, states that he will be undergoing several diagnostic tests."

No other details were released by the hospital, and inquiries were referred to Jackson's spokesman.

"I think he's fine. He just checked in because he wasn't feeling well," LaToya Jackson said in a telephone interview from London.

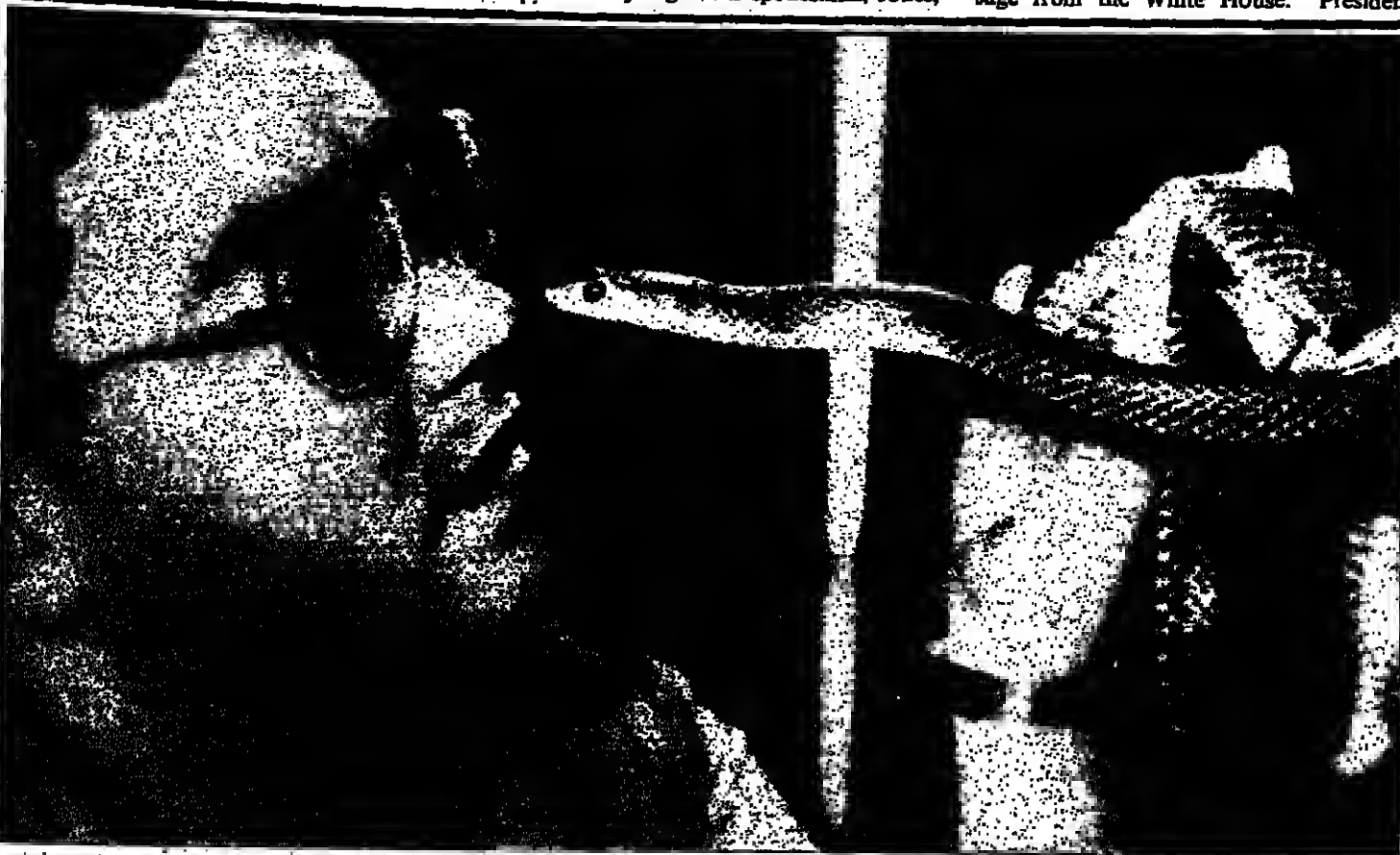
"I sent him some roses, a dozen black roses. I think they are beautiful," said Miss Jackson, an older sister of Michael who is also a singer.

She said her brother has had similar chest pains in the past that required hospitalization and his doctor blamed the attacks on stress.

Three flower-bearing Jackson fans spent the night outside the hospital.

Jackson was catapulted into the public eye at age 5 with the Jackson Five family pop group. He later left his brothers and became a one-man phenomenon.

The exclusive star has been celebrated as widely for his eccentricities as for his music and choreography.



Eyes his new room-mate

SNAKE expert David Williams, 25, eyes a deadly western brown snake. For 12 hours a day for the next two weeks David and five of the world's deadliest snakes will live together in a small glass snake pit in Sydney's

Centropoint Tower in order to raise money for the Australian Flying Doctors Service. David hopes to raise more than \$10,000 from the entrance fee. (Reuter wirephoto)

Trump in trouble

Banks seek assurances

NEW YORK, June 5, (AP) — Doubts about the financial stability of Donald Trump's casino and real estate empire are growing, with major banks seeking assurances about the developer's ability to handle his billion-dollar debt load.

Investors also are growing uneasy. Prices for junk bonds used to finance Trump's Atlantic City casino projects plunged as much as \$10 yesterday.

The selloff began after the Wall Street Journal reported Trump had been meeting with major lenders who have grown increasingly uneasy about his reported \$2 billion in bank debt. They are seeking a restructuring of the developer's holdings, including a possible sale of some Trump assets.

The journal said Trump's lenders have grown concerned that his holdings including his three Atlantic City casinos, are not producing enough cash to meet payments. The report said they had begun meeting with Trump and his aides two weeks ago.

Trump issued a terse but upbeat statement in response to the journal story confirming the talks were under way but calling them "co-operative and constructive."

In recent months the developer, while maintaining he wasn't having cash flow problems, has said he was considering putting some of his assets on the block, including the Washington-New York-Boston air shuttle he bought from Eastern Airlines for \$365 million last year. Trump said he wanted the



Trump shown flashing the victory sign in a file photo. (Reuter wirephoto)

cash to buy new properties.

Trump's assets include the Plaza Hotel, Trump Tower skyscraper and several apartment buildings in Manhattan; the casinos including recently opened \$1-billion Taj Mahal, Trump Plaza and Trump Castle; and Trump Shuttle.

The journal said Monday that some of the planned sales had fallen through or put on hold. For example, the developer's plan to sell his Trump Princess yacht for \$115 million to Japanese investors had failed, the journal said quoting people familiar with the talks.

Trump's lenders likely are concerned because of a downturn in the real estate market. Furthermore, the Taj Mahal, which

opened two months ago, apparently has not flourished amid the plethora of casinos in Atlantic City.

The journal story followed a string of negative reports about how well Trump's empire is doing. Forbes magazine recently sliced its estimate of the developer's net worth to \$500 million from more than \$1.5 billion.

Trump consistently has maintained he was having no liquidity problems. After questions were first raised about his cash flow the developer was so enraged that he threatened to sue newspapers if they reported he was strapped for cash.

Trump's cash shortage is so severe that he may have to change his opulent lifestyle, as well as sell off some of his holdings, sources told the Wall Street Journal.

Bankers owned some \$2 billion by Trump are pressing for the sale of some assets, management changes at Trump's principal holding company and for a much more conservative operating style, the newspaper said.

Trump is promoting his new book, "Trump: Surviving at the Top," but he may have spoken too soon. At the very least, the journal indicated in its front-page article, Trump's cash shortage is likely to result in a humbling change of lifestyle for the man who has everything from casinos, condos, a board game and a bicycle race named after him.

Conference on women opens in Montreal

MONTREAL, June 5, (AP) — Canadian parliamentary member Dawn Black yesterday told an international conference on women and power that support for female politicians must be more selective.

"It's not enough that we support women in politics," she told a session of 700 women and a small number of men at the Montreal Convention Centre.

"We have to support women who can promote women's issues, who represent the values of women and who promote the quality of women."

She spoke on the second day of the conference, which runs through Friday and is titled Women and the Many Dimensions of Power. High-profile women from around the world are attending.

Ms. Black, a member of the New Democracy Party who represents Vancouver, British Columbia, in Parliament, told conferees that in recent federal election legislation, conservative women lawmakers supported the Conservative Party line.

"I call women like that honorary men," commented Brazil's Ruth Escobar, an actress arrested 11 times by her country's former military junta. She was the first female member of Parliament of Sao Paulo state.

"My political experience has left me a little sad," Ms. Escobar remarked saying she was expelled from her left-wing party for supporting a more centrist female senator.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

ROSINE, Kentucky: Musician Bill Monroe earned a hometown hero's welcome at the Bluegrass Festival, where he was honored with plaques, proclamations and a medley of kind words.

"It's hats off to Bill Monroe, the boy that made Rosine famous," festival organizer Stacy Geary told a cheering crowd Saturday at the "Hats off to Bill Monroe" ceremony in the town of western Kentucky.

About 25 people crammed onto the stage to give the 78-year-old Grammy award winner gifts ranging from a solid brass key to the nearby town of Owensboro to a petition signed by 30,000 fans in North Carolina. (AP)

NASHVILLE, Tennessee: Boat custody not child custody was the sticking point in the divorce of Michael and Donna Lynne Blair.

Circuit Judge Marial Robinson settled it, ruling Friday that Michael Blair could keep the former couple's boat, motor and trailer, but Donna Lynne Blair could use them on one weekend each month.

Attorneys agreed that Mrs Blair should get the boat during the hours frequently set for child visitation in divorce cases, between 6 pm Friday and 6 pm Sunday.

The judge also ordered Blair to show Mrs Blair how to operate the boat safely, and ordered her to return Blair's motorcycle. Mrs Blair has been granted custody of the couple's 6-year-old son, and Blair was ordered to provide child- and other support payments. (AP)

LOS ANGELES: Actor Tom Beron, whose career included a 10-year stint as rancher Ed O'Connor on TV's *Gunslinger*, as well as movie roles with such stars as Wallace Beery and Tyrone Power, has died of cancer. He was 75.

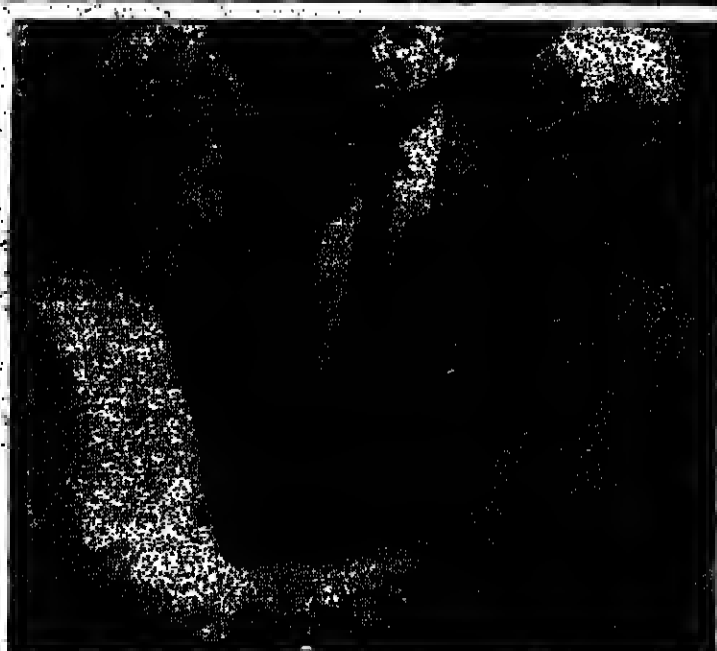
Brown died Sunday at the Motion Picture and Television Hospital in suburban Woodland Hills, where a memorial service was planned for Tuesday, said spokeswoman Lucinda Benson.

Brown's career spanned 73 years, starting as a child sensation who appeared in highly visible advertisements personifying the Arrow Caller Boy, the Back Boy and Buster Brown. (AP)

PETERBOROUGH, Ontario: A Canadian college student who moaned during love-making and kept her neighbours awake has been evicted from her apartment building.

"She was a very attractive lady. But the judge said the moaning led to a substantial inability for others to enjoy their premises," Robert Balcock, lawyer for the other tenants, said on Monday.

The court heard that the moaning lasted from 30 minutes to an hour. (Reuter)



How did it go?

Raisa Gorbachev and Nancy Reagan bid farewell to each other following the Reagans visit to the residence of the Soviet Consul-General in San Francisco on June 4. (Reuter wirephoto)

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NEW YORK: Jack Gilford, a mad-eyed comic, dramatic actor and vaudevillian who shone in featured roles on stage, television and movies, died at his Manhattan home Monday, a spokeswoman said. He was 82.

Gilford died after a long struggle with stomach cancer and had last been at a hospital two weeks ago, according to Merle Debuskey, a family friend and publicist. He was at his Greenwich Village home with his actress wife, Madeline Lee, when he died about 8 am (1200 GMT). Debuskey said.

Gilford was twice nominated for Tony awards in Broadway musicals — as Hysteria, the slave who ends up in drag in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, and as Hier Smith in *Cabaret*. He was Hysteria again in the movie film version of "Forum." (AP)

NEW DELHI, India: A bolt of lightning struck a park monument sheltering visitors from a violent storm in a central city Sunday, killing eight and injuring 20, a news report said.

The storm lashed Maharashtra state all day with heavy rains. Press Trust of India news agency reported. It said all the victims reached a hospital alive after the lightning hit at the park in the city of Nagpur. However, the eight died at the hospital, and at least two were in critical condition, the report said. (AP)

PORVOO, Finland: A small white rabbit was jailed for vagrancy after loitering around in this sleepy town in south Finland, police said Monday.

A man on his morning walk spotted the bunny and alerted the local police. A patrol fetched the animal and put it in custody, a police spokesman said.

"We have nowhere else to keep it, so we put it in jail. We are just doing our duty," police Sergeant Astero Pennanen said in a telephone interview.

Pennanen said policemen were feeding the bunny with dandelion leaves which "are plentiful on the police grounds." (AP)

BEAUMONT, Texas: Students here found a ticket for a ride down memory lane in a wallet they returned to the owner who lost it 40 years ago.

Three central high schools students were helping their French teacher clean out a closet Friday when one of the students Arvis Owens, found a torn, fake-alligator-skin green wallet.

The four did not find any money, but did find yellowing photographs, a 3-cent stamp and a hand-written driver's license dated January 30, 1950, the Beaumont Enterprise Journal reported Saturday.

Teacher Kris Gales made a few phone calls using the phone book and the name and Beaumont address listed on the license — Patricia Graves, 385 Gopher Road.

Victim's mother shoots at killer

HAMLIN, West Virginia, June 5, (AP) — The mother of a slaying victim allegedly pulled a gun from her purse in a packed courtroom and fired at her daughter's accused killer from the witness stand.

Pearl Marie Abraham was charged with attempted murder after she allegedly fired a single shot yesterday from a .38 caliber pistol at Stuart Martin Elliott during the third day of his murder trial in Lincoln County Circuit Court.

Elliott, 25, of Hamlin is charged with killing Mrs Abraham's daughter and raping her 10-year-old granddaughter in September.

Witnesses said prosecutor Jay Hoke had just finished questioning Mrs Abraham when she pulled the gun from her handbag. The bullet hit the defence table and ricocheted into a door, but missed everyone in the standing-room-only courtroom.

Mrs Abraham of west Hamlin was subdued by a bailiff and the chaotic courtroom was cleared.

The judge ordered court officials to refrain from discussing the attack with reporters; this account is compiled from witnesses reports and the complaint filed by state police.

Elliott suffered a twisted knee in the brief melee. He was treated at Boone Memorial Hospital in Madison and returned to jail.

Lincoln County magistrate Helen McCormick released Mrs Abraham after she posted \$25,000 bond. She was whisked away by family members through a rear door without commenting to reporters.

Elliott is accused of murder, sexual assault, two counts of attempted murder and attempted arson in the death of Annette Abraham and the attack on the girl.

State police said presiding Judge W. Jack Stevens told officers to refer all questions to Hoke until it could be determined at a meeting scheduled for this morning whether the shooting would force a mistrial.

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Hilary's father throws in the towel: gives up custody battle

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, June 5, (UPI) — The father of a 7-year-old US girl at the centre of a bitter international custody battle said he has given up contesting his ex-wife's custody of the child, a newspaper reported today.

Dr Erich Foretich, in an interview published in the Christchurch Star, said from the United States that he had been forced to accept that his daughter, Hilary, would live in New Zealand with his former wife, Dr Elizabeth Morgan.

The mother was jailed for more than two years after she defied a 1987 court order that she had to allow Foretich visitation rights.

Morgan, a Washington, DC, plastic surgeon, has accused her husband of sexually abusing Hilary, a charge he repeatedly denied.

Morgan has sought permanent residence in New Zealand to stay with Hilary, who has been attending school in Christchurch, where she has been living with her maternal grandparents for about two years to evade the court order. New Zealand's child protection laws give Morgan an advantage over Foretich in the case.

"The only issue is where Hilary is going to live," Foretich was quoted by the Star as saying. "I'm not even going to wage that battle. I feel she belongs back in America."

Foretich, a northern Virginia dental surgeon, went to New Zealand from the United States in February after the whereabouts of his daughter was revealed in a television programme.

Foretich returned to his Washington-area home two months after hiring lawyers to represent his case in the Christchurch family court and meeting his daughter for the first time in three years.

"I am not pleased with situation," the newspaper quoted Foretich as saying. "I am not pleased my daughter is living with Elizabeth Morgan or that certain assurances made to me haven't really been kept or followed through. But I've decided there's not much I can do about it."

Peru is strongly divided at polls

LIMA, Peru, June 5, (AP): The campaign for this Sunday's presidential runoff election is passionate and angry, with poll-takers saying that voters' energies are directed more toward defeating someone than supporting one of the candidates.

Many Peruvians are uneasy with both candidates — Mario Vargas Llosa, Peru's celebrated novelist, and Alberto Fujimori, a political neophyte — according to pollsters.

"At least half of Fujimori's supporters are people who are scared of Vargas Llosa," said Alfredo Torres, of the polling firm Apoyo. "Of those who support Vargas Llosa, at least a third are voting against Fujimori."

As the runoff approaches, polls show Fujimori with a slim but firm lead over Vargas Llosa, a novelist-turned-politician who champions the free market. Most polls show Fujimori, whose economic programme is less specific, with a 5-point lead nationally.

Vargas Llosa may have cut into that lead after his performance against Fujimori in a long-awaited, nationally broadcast debate last Sunday. An Apoyo poll of television viewers in Lima and six other cities showed Vargas Llosa winning 48 to 37 per cent.

The heated, debate was marked more by personal attacks than by specific policy proposals. Fujimori accused Vargas Llosa of spreading "insults and calumnies" against him. The novelist said his opponent only "generalities and banalities" in his campaign.

Fujimori, an agricultural engineer and former university rector with no political experience, was the surprise of the election's first round. In the week before the April 8 vote, he surged past seven opponents to nearly tie Vargas Llosa.

Vargas Llosa received 27.6 per cent of the vote to Fujimori's 24.6 per cent. A runoff was required because no candidate received a majority.

Vargas Llosa has detailed his plans for resolving Peru's worst economic crisis of the century and for battling a savage leftist insurgency. Fujimori has avoided discussing in detail his plans to reverse Peru's slide into economic chaos and civil war.

Like Vargas Llosa, Fujimori favours getting back on good terms with the international financial community by renewing payments on Peru's \$19-billion foreign debt. Vargas Llosa and Fujimori also both advocate economic development rather than military-style repression to wean peasants from Peru's billion-dollar cocaine trade.

Vargas Llosa favours privatization of Peru's numerous state-owned companies, elimination of price controls and import barriers and an economic "shock" programme to combat inflation.

Fujimori opposes all three and thereby scores points with workers who fear for their jobs and with businesses that defend protective trade laws.

Vargas Llosa has questioned Fujimori's competence. Vargas Llosa's allies say Fujimori is a puppet of the discredited left-of-centre Aprista Party of President Alan Garcia.

An independent Congressman has accused Fujimori of evading taxes on the sale of his many properties and of illegally benefiting from an agrarian reform programme designed to aid landless peasants.

Even the Roman Catholic church has joined in. Upset that much of Fujimori's support comes from Peru's small but growing Evangelical Protestant community, the Catholic church has attacked the Evangelicals. Analysts say Fujimori is the real target.

The anti-Fujimori campaign, however, has revealed unexpected political values among Peruvian voters.

"Fujimori is perceived as less honest than Vargas Llosa. But this just makes him seem more skillful politically," said Jorge Castillo, of the Datum Polling Company.

We have planned birth, why not planned death?

Suicide device tested

HOLLY, Michigan, June 5, (AP): The inventor of a suicide device says he hooked an Alzheimer's disease victim to the drug-injecting apparatus and watched her die.

Dr Jack Kevorkian said Janet Adkins of Portland, Oregon, used the device inside his van in a park north of Detroit yesterday afternoon. She pressed a button to trigger the machine, which injected her with a lethal dose of chemicals.

"The last thing Janet Adkins said was 'you just make my case known,'" said Kevorkian, a retired pathologist.

"We have planned birth, why not planned death?" he asked.

State police confirmed the woman's death and said they are investigating. Kevorkian said he notified police after Adkins' death.

Kevorkian said the 54-year-old woman,

her husband and a friend flew to Michigan because supplying the means to commit suicide is a felony in Oregon.

"She is a remarkable woman," Kevorkian said. "She was a housewife who travelled extensively. She taught English part-time. She played the piano. But the disease took away her ability to read music. She couldn't even spell any more."

Alzheimer's disease is an irreversible degeneration of the brain cells that can lead to severe memory loss and dementia.

"She told me she wanted to take her life while she was still clear in her mind and knew what she was doing," Kevorkian said.

She contacted Kevorkian in October, he said. Kevorkian said he persuaded her to try an experimental drug treatment in Seattle in

an attempt to put the disease into remission.

"At first, I was not going to let her use the device," Kevorkian said. "But the Seattle treatment didn't work. She told me she had pills and she was going to do it (commit suicide) anyway."

Neither the husband nor the family friend wanted to be near when the woman committed suicide, so they flew back to Oregon earlier Monday, he said.

The device involves hooking a person to an intravenous saline solution. The person can press a button that stops the saline solution and injects the drug thiopental, which causes unconsciousness.

Within a minute, potassium chloride is injected automatically, at a dosage high enough to stop the heart and cause death within minutes.



A police officer inspects June 4 the bullet holes in the car in which a lawyer Argueta was murdered in San Salvador. (Reuters wirephoto)

Mass grave found

Detention camp in Chile

SANTIAGO, June 5, (Reuters): Chilean human rights groups have discovered a grave where dozens of people are thought to have been shot by firing squad and buried secretly after the military took power in 1973.

The remains of eight men with bullet holes in the chest were dug up on Sunday near the northern Chilean village of Pisagua, where a detention camp existed during the coup led by General Augusto Pinochet, human rights lawyers said.

"So far eight bodies have been found, but there is a pit where there could be another 20 to 25," regional Governor Nelson Garrido told reporters in Santiago.

The bodies had been buried in sacks and were preserved by the very dry climate in Pisagua, in a desert near the city of Iquique, 1,900 km (1,150 miles) north of Santiago.

The men were blindfolded and had their hands tied behind the backs, according to Rosemarie Bornaand, a lawyer at the Catholic church's human rights office, the Vicariate of Solidarity.

"We have only started digging. There could be many more," Bornaand told reporters.

Bomb blast

Explosives expert killed

SANTIAGO, June 5, (AP): A bomb exploded in a second-floor hallway of the downtown treasury building last morning, killing a police explosives expert who was trying to remove it.

No one took responsibility for the attack.

A treasury employee arriving for work alerted the bomb squad when he noticed a suspicious package outside an elevator, according to an Interior Ministry aide, Jorge Burgos.

The building, next door to the presidential palace, was evacuated and police explosives experts had moved in when the blast occurred, Burgos said.

Argentines intrigued

Menem's marital break-up

BUENOS AIRES, June 5, (AP): The marriage of President Carlos Menem and his wife Zulema had the trappings of a fairy tale.

Children of Syrian immigrants, they met during a visit to the old country, married after a whirlwind courtship and raised a son and daughter while Menem's political star took him from a jail cell to a governor's mansion to the presidency.

Now as they are on the verge of a very public break-up their actions are the stuff of soap operas.

Mrs Menem denounces the father of her children as a "womaniser" and blasts his social policies as inhumane his economic plan as doomed and his staff as corrupt.

After complaining earlier this year that telephones at the presidential residence were tapped, Mrs Menem walked out. Last month Menem did the same and has since slept in government offices and the apartments of friends.

Magazines and newspapers have reveled in juicy facts and rumours splashed on covers and front pages.

Menem is laying legal groundwork to boot Mrs Menem from the residence if she won't leave on her own.

The whole affair is "grotesque," says Menem, 59. He usually refuses to comment on developments but said "I don't know whether to get mad or laugh" when asked about her claim he has been "kidnapped by his aides."

Mrs Menem, 46, declined through her press secretary to be interviewed on the subject.

Residents of this nominally Roman Catholic nation seem intrigued but hardly scandalised by the marital feud. Menem-watchers say it hasn't affected his policies, public image or relations with the church.

"Everyone knows their last reconciliation

was a political act to help him win the election" in May 1989 said Norberto Fernandez, editor of the celebrity magazine "La Revista."

"It's not a political problem for him," said pollster Manuel Mora y Araujo. "That's what she would like to be but so far she hasn't been successful in making it one."

The Menems have had a stormy relationship for years. Both are ambitious, determined, quick-tongued and hot-tempered.

An avid sportsman who races speedboats and rally cars Menem has made no secret of his attraction to other women. Mrs Menem, a striking blonde, has been linked with other men.

By some accounts, their marriage in October 1966 was arranged by their Muslim parents. Menem was reported to have been in love with a young divorcee he continued to see for years after the wedding.

Following the March 1976 coup that toppled President Isabel Peron, Menem a provincial governor and leading member of the populist Peronist Party, was jailed for three years then put under house arrest.

The couple did not get together immediately after his release. When they did they split up again in 1984. A second reconciliation at the urging of Papal Nuncio Ubaldo Calabresi came four years later on the eve of a crucial primary election.

"She wants a formal political position and he refuses to give her one" said a Peronist official who commented on condition his name not be disclosed.

During the election campaign the first lady-to-be tried to evoke comparisons with Evita the wife of Juan Peron who helped him win election as president in 1946 and endeared herself to millions of poor Argentines with her charitable works. Menem did not help: the effort flopped.

Major shake-up in Belgium police

BRUSSELS, June 5, (AP): The Belgian government today announced a major shakeup of the country's police forces and law enforcement services.

The first such deep reshuffle in the history of the Belgian police force was the result of a devastating report by a special parliament committee set up after police failed to solve a series of mysterious slayings and prevent the bloodiest sports riot the country ever experienced.

Prime Minister Wilfried Martens told parliament that the government authority and control on all the police forces would be strengthened.

Belgium has four major police units: State police, city police, criminal police and state security.

"The rivalries between the existing police forces are such that we can speak of real police warfare," the parliamentary committee said in its report.

The prime minister announced his government would table a bill imposing co-ordination among all police forces, clearly defining the role of each of them. He said the various police communications and information systems and data banks would be integrated into one single network.

Martens also said the job of top police officers would be limited in time and the state police, which has a dual military-civilian function, would lose its military status and fall under the sole authority of the justice minister.

Error

UVF kills wrong man

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, June 4, (AP): In the second fatal error in eight days involving Irish political strife, a Protestant extremist group acknowledged it hit the wrong target when it killed a man and wounded two of his sons Monday.

Patrick Boyle, 60, was killed instantly when gunmen burst into his home near Portadown in county Armagh, 25 miles (40 kms) southwest of Belfast, police said.

The Ulster Volunteer Force said in a statement telephoned to the news media here that it had meant to kill someone else. The group did not name the intended target.

Michael Boyle, 24, was in serious condition with gunshot wounds in the stomach, while Paul Boyle, 22, was wounded in the legs, police said.

The two or three attackers escaped in a stolen van which was later found abandoned.

On May 27, the Irish Republican Army shot to death two Australian tourists in Rossmore, the Netherlands, in the mistaken belief they were British soldiers.

The IRA is trying to drive the British out of predominantly Protestant Northern Ireland and to unite the province with the overwhelmingly Catholic Republic of Ireland.

NEWS IN BRIEF

America

Canada, back door for drug-running: International drug traffickers are shipping drugs through Canada's isolated maritime provinces to reach lucrative markets in US cities despite record-breaking narcotics seizures by authorities, police said in Toronto.

"They're trying to look to us as a backdoor to the United States," said Corporal Phil Campbell of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in New Brunswick.

Mounties seized 35 tonnes of hashish, the largest haul in Canadian history, last week at Ragged Harbour, Nova Scotia, when a lobster fisherman spotted rafts being landed in thick fog. Authorities needed two trailers to haul away the hashish. (Reuters)

Barry jury selection begins: A grim-looking Washington Mayor Marion Barry, accompanied by his wife and mother, appeared for the start of his trial on cocaine charges on Monday, a criminal case peppered with sex, drugs and lies.

A major challenge confronting both defence and prosecution is to find an unbiased jury to try the flamboyant city leader, who is in his 12th year in office and whose exploits have been the subject of intense publicity. (Reuters)

Discovery damaged: Space shuttle Discovery joined Columbia with problems on Monday, sustaining possible damage when an overhead bridge caught a payload bay door and yanked it upward, NASA officials said.

The accident occurred in the hangar while Discovery was being prepared for its October flight with the Ulysses satellite, which will explore the sun's poles. At the launch pad, Columbia is grounded indefinitely by a hydrogen leak. (AP)

Hubble wobble resolved: Engineers believe they have solved a nettlesome problem with the Hubble space telescope that has plagued efforts to get its ultra-accurate guidance system operating properly, officials said Monday in Cape Canaveral, Florida.

Deputy programme manager Jean Olivier said persistent trouble getting the telescope to lock onto guide stars apparently was the result of computer programming that prevented the instrument from lining up properly on the correct targets. (UPI)

Decide jurisdiction question: The Supreme Court agreed Monday to decide whether federal courts have jurisdiction to rule on immigration laws that may violate an illegal alien's constitutional right to residency status.

The court will hear arguments next term in the case brought by the Immigration and Naturalisation Service. Lawyers for the INS claimed a lower court lacked standing when it ordered the federal immigration agency to reopen cases in which applications by aliens seeking residency status were wrongfully denied. (UPI)

'Heads ought to be rolling': An influential Republican congressman says he'll tell the White House that "heads ought to be rolling" for letting go rusty a cargo fleet that would be activated in a national emergency.

William S. Broome, a member of the House of Representatives told maritime officials Monday the

Remaking paper

Pamela Gray (R) of the Paper Go Round Co-operation in Sydney, demonstrates how to remake paper outside the New South Wales Parliament House on June 5 where protesters, marking World Environment Day, dumped discarded newspapers they claim could be recycled by householders. (Reuters wirephoto)

Violent storms

kill 14 in United States

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, June 5, (Reuters): A rash of violent weekend storms — including 50 tornadoes — swept across the US midwest, killing 14 people and destroying mobile homes, hospitals and other buildings, authorities said yesterday.

The state of Indiana was hardest hit but storms also slammed into Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri and Ohio. Damage was expected to be in the millions of dollars.

The twisters and raging thunderstorms left a trail of death, including one infant who was ripped out of his mother's arms and killed on Saturday in a tornado that obliterated their trailer home in Bedford, Indiana, a state official said.

Two natural disasters in 1989: the San Francisco earthquake and hurricane Hugo, generated an outpouring of financial aid.

Part of the generosity was attributed to an 8.9 per cent rise in personal income. The report also said a 21.1 per cent stock market upswing in 1989 probably evoked bigger gifts from the affluent. It also cited growing awareness of AIDS, homelessness, the environment and other concerns, and intensified fundraising efforts.

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Wins lottery twice

An Australian couple on Tuesday beat enormous odds and won a 100,000 dollar (\$78,000) lottery for the second time in three weeks.

Sydney secretary Michelle Kenny and her husband won first prize in this week's Jackpot lottery after winning the lottery on May 15, the New South Wales state lotteries office said on Tuesday.

The couple, who used the first win to pay off their home mortgage, bought five more lottery tickets when collecting their winnings from the office.

"I just couldn't believe it when we won the first prize again," said the 34-year-old secretary. "I've never really been a lucky person."

Kenny said her husband and two teen-age sons had yet to decide what to do with their second windfall. (Reuters wirephoto)

US will pay UN dues: President George Bush said on Monday the United States will pay its \$62.5 million in dues to the United Nations and plans to deal with the huge unpaid bill to the world body accumulated during Ronald Reagan's presidency.

The subject of US payments to the body arose during a meeting between Bush and UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

Afghanistan, White House Press Secretary Martin Fitzwater said Bush regards money owed to the UN as "solemn international obligations made by the United States after full consultation with Congress." (AP)

6 bodies found near Guatemala: Authorities said Monday they discovered the bodies of six people near the capital — including one victim of torture — in a continuation of kidnappings and killings that have plagued the country for three decades.

Firemen Sunday discovered the body of Efraim Peraltza Gonzalez, 49, hunched over the steering wheel of his pickup truck on the Antigua-Villa Nueva highway, about 14 miles (22 kms) southeast of the capital.

A police spokesman said Peraltza had been shot eight times.

Five other bodies were found Sunday. The corpses of three men were strewn along a 3-mile (5-km) stretch of the Guatemala City-Villa Canales highway, about 13 miles (20 kms) south of the capital. (UPI)

Mexican ecologists urge: A leading environmental group criticised what it called a Mexican government's failure to halt massive deforestation on Monday, a day after President Carlos Salinas de Gortari launched a nationwide tree-planting programme.

The programme, launched in honour of UN-sponsored World Environment Day to be celebrated on Tuesday, set a goal of planting at least one million trees in Mexico during coming weeks.

Mexico City, among the most polluted cities in the world with hazardous levels of lead and ozone, is the first Latin American city chosen to host World Environment Day since the event began in 1967. (Reuters)

PRI wins poll rematch: The ruling party Institutional Revolutionary Party known as PRI claimed victory Monday after a weekend electoral rematch, and the opposition threatened to call for an annulment a second time amid charges of electoral fraud.



A Contra rebel who was disarmed June 4, leaves El Almirante. (Reuters wirephoto)



Zelaya turns over his rifle June 4 to the UN peace-keeping forces at El Almirante. (Reuters wirephoto)

4 top Contra leaders demobilise

Join government ministries

EL ALMENDRO, Nicaragua, June 5, (AP): Four high-ranking rebel leaders left the battlefield and joined the government today becoming representatives in ministries that will help rebel fighters return to civilian life.

Miguel Angel Sosa, the Contra army general staff inspector also known as Commander Emiliano; Enrique Zelaya, the medical chief of staff also known as Commander Henry or Dr Henry; and Contra political advisors Bernardo Pastora and Boanerge Matus were the highest-ranking rebel leaders to demobilise.

Despite the high profile demobilisation yesterday, only about 4,000 of an estimated 13,000 rebels have

force will disarm by the June 10 deadline but top Contra leader Israel Calcano said that "we have embarked on an irreversible process."

Zelaya, a medical doctor, is to join the Health Ministry; Sosa and Pastora are to go to the reparation institute; and Matus is to join the Agrarian Reform Institute.

An agreement signed by the rebels known as Contras and the government specifies Contra representation in government ministries.

But the agreement to disarm at least 500 Contras a day has not been met and even if it were half, the Contras would remain under arms by June 10, the deadline agreed to by the rebels following talks with the new government of Violeta Barrios de Chamorro.

Talks appear near collapse

Crisis over Quebec

OTTAWA, June 5, (UPI): Talks over a constitutional amendment giving Quebec special powers to promote its French language and culture appeared near collapse, increasing chances of the province's secession from Canada.

Despite the continued impasse, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney told reporters after nearly 10 hours of meetings with provincial leaders that negotiations would resume tomorrow. "We have a long way to go," he said, adding that discussions were "pretty vigorous."

The constitutional negotiations go to the heart of hostilities between Quebec and the rest of Canada, and the French-speaking province has threatened to secede if the measure is altered in any way.

The amendment, which Quebec has championed for three years, would recognise Quebec as a distinct society and give it special powers to promote and preserve its language and culture.

The Meech Lake accord, as the amendment is known, was drafted three years ago after Quebec objected to a constitution that Canada adopted in 1982. Quebec refused to sign the constitution on grounds it did not recognise the province's 6.2 million French-speaking residents. The country's 10 provincial premiers must approve the measure by June 23 or it will become void.

Besides giving Quebec special powers to preserve its culture, the amendment would give all provinces a say in selecting Supreme Court judges and senators and requires the unanimous consent of all provinces before the Senate can be reformed or new provinces created.

Three of the country's smallest provinces — New Brunswick, Manitoba and Newfoundland — oppose the amendment. Their leaders have said Quebec will use the distinct society clause to pass



Canadian Premier Brian Mulroney. (Reuters wirephoto)

new laws that disadvantage the English and other ethnic minorities in the province.

In the third session of talks yesterday, the federal government offered a comprehensive proposal addressing key issues, including Quebec's distinct society clause, reform of the Senate — the upper chamber of parliament — and the requirement in the Meech Lake accord that changes in the Senate be unanimously approved by all provinces.

But Mulroney's insistence that provinces approve the amendment before negotiations can begin on reforming the Senate left some premiers angry and doubtful that the accord can be saved.

Alberta Premier Don Getty said he was "not the slightest bit optimistic" about the negotiations although innovative proposals were offered by political leaders.

"I don't sense the kind of effort at nation-building that we had before. We're dealing with the future of the country," said Getty, adding there was a possibility that next meeting "will be very short."

Lords defeat 'Nazi' bill

Let bygones be bygones

LONDON, June 5, (AP): The House of Lords, after emotional debate, defeated a government bill today that would have allowed the prosecution of suspected Nazi war criminals, but the issue could arise again as early as next autumn.

The Lords, whose members are mostly elderly people including judges, bishops and politicians given lifetime titles, were reluctant to prosecute other old men and said that after so many years the memories of witnesses could not be trusted.

The 207-74 vote against the bill makes Britain the only World War II ally without laws to prosecute suspected war criminals. The vote was cast just after midnight following more than 9 hours of debate.

Canada and Australia recently changed laws to allow trials and the United States deports suspects for trial in Israel.

"Considering the state of the world I think a gesture of this kind could be important and the contrary is going to be very important," one parliament member, Lord Max Beloff, said after the vote.

"This decision is going to be hailed by all the neo-Nazis of Europe," he said.



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No sign of Aids found in heat-treated patient

ATLANTA, June 5, (AP): Two doctors have reported that an Aids patient shows no signs of infection after his blood was heated in a cancer treatment, but Aids experts — and the physicians themselves — aren't sure what to make of it.

Drs Kenoeth Alonso and William Logman of Atlanta performed the hyperthermia procedure on a 33-year-old Aids patient with Kaposi's sarcoma, a skin cancer that commonly occurs with Aids, in February.

The man's blood was run through a heater and back for two hours in hopes of attacking the cancer, Alonso said.

Soon after, the patient's raised, red skin lesions "flattened to scars," said the doctors, who discussed the case yesterday and, last week. And tests for the Aids virus have remained negative since, he said.

"We changed the disease. It's obvious that we did," Alonso said. "What the long-term prog-

61 PC of Americans overweight

Sixty-one per cent of US adults are overweight and only one in three gets regular strenuous exercise, according to a national survey released Monday.

The levels are about where they were in 1983, when Louis Harris and associates began the annual survey for Prevention magazine.

"As a nation, we do not seem to be hearing the message about the long-term risks of being overweight, or we do not care, or we are woefully unsuccessful in being able to control our weight," the magazine said in its latest report card on the nation's health.

The random telephone survey, conducted last Nov 6 through Dec 13, also found some

bright spots, including a continued reduction in the number of people eating fatty and high-cholesterol foods.

The survey showed that 50 per cent of those polled said they "try a lot" to avoid eating high-cholesterol foods such as eggs, dairy products and fatty meats. That's up from 42 per cent in 1983.

Fifty-eight per cent said they avoid eating too much fat, up from 55 per cent in 1983 and 54 per cent in 1988.

"The evidence is overwhelming that a diet high in fat... is a major threat to health and longevity, and it appears that the public is getting that message," the magazine's report said.

Among those who are overweight, more than half are at least 10 per cent over the recommended weight range for their height and build. (AP)

Cell transplants could help muscular dystrophy

Encouraging results from an experimental new therapy for muscular dystrophy could significantly improve the lives of the disease's young victims, medical researchers said on Monday.

Peter Law, a researcher at the University of Tennessee in Memphis, reported on Saturday that an experimental cell transplant appeared to overcome, at least temporarily, the genetic defect responsible for Duchenne muscular dys-

trophy, the most common childhood form of the disease.

"This is of monumental significance, really," said Dr Theodore Munsat of the New England Medical Centre in Boston.

"Though certainly major hurdles remain before this experimental finding becomes a treatment, it is an extremely important first step," Munsat said in a telephone interview.

Duchenne muscular dystrophy is caused by a hereditary defect in a single gene that controls the body's production of a crucial muscle protein known as dystrophin.

While healthy muscle cells produce dystrophin, the protein is lacking in the cells of people with the genetic defect.

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Seoul-Moscow pledge to establish diplomatic ties

Turning point in South Korea's foreign relations

SEOUL, South Korea, June 5, (AP): President Roh Tae-woo's pledge that his talks with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev would lead to diplomatic ties and help end Korea's cold war was greeted today as a turning point in South Korea's foreign relations.

"History will clearly record today as a great day," said Park Hee-Tae, spokesman of the ruling Democratic Liberal Party.

Roh's talks with Gorbachev in San Francisco were the first meeting ever between leaders of the two nations, which have no formal relations.

The talks came after 40 years of hostility and were the culmination of South Korea's efforts to court reformist Warsaw Pact countries to broaden trade ties and influence Soviet-backed North Korea.

South Korea also hopes relations with the superpower Soviet Union will enhance its own prestige.

"As a result of my meeting with President Gorbachev today, normal bilateral relations between our two countries will be restored," Roh told reporters.

"It is not so much meaningful whether the date comes one day or one month earlier, since we have agreed," Roh said after a meeting in a Korean Broadcasting System interview.

Roh told KBS Gorbachev promised "to do his best" to help hardline North Korea reform and would encourage a summit meeting between Roh and North Korean leader Kim Il Sung.

The South Korean newspaper Dong-A Ilbo said Roh agreed to send Foreign Minister Choik Ho-Jong to Moscow by July to negotiate details of normalisation. It quoted unidentified high-ranking officials as saying full diplomatic relations could be established by September.

The announcement was welcomed by

most Koreans, who feel relations with Moscow will lead to an easing of hostilities with the Soviet's ally, Communist North Korea. The Koreans were divided in 1945, fought a bloody civil war in the early 1950s and remain bitter enemies.

Meanwhile, scattered violent protests erupted at several campuses.

In the southern city of Kwangju, about 2,000 militant students yelling anti-government slogans fought riot police with firebombs and rocks, said Yonhap, the National News Agency.

In Seoul, several hundred students throwing firebombs and rocks clashed with police firing tear-gas outside Korea University and Hankuk University of Foreign Studies.

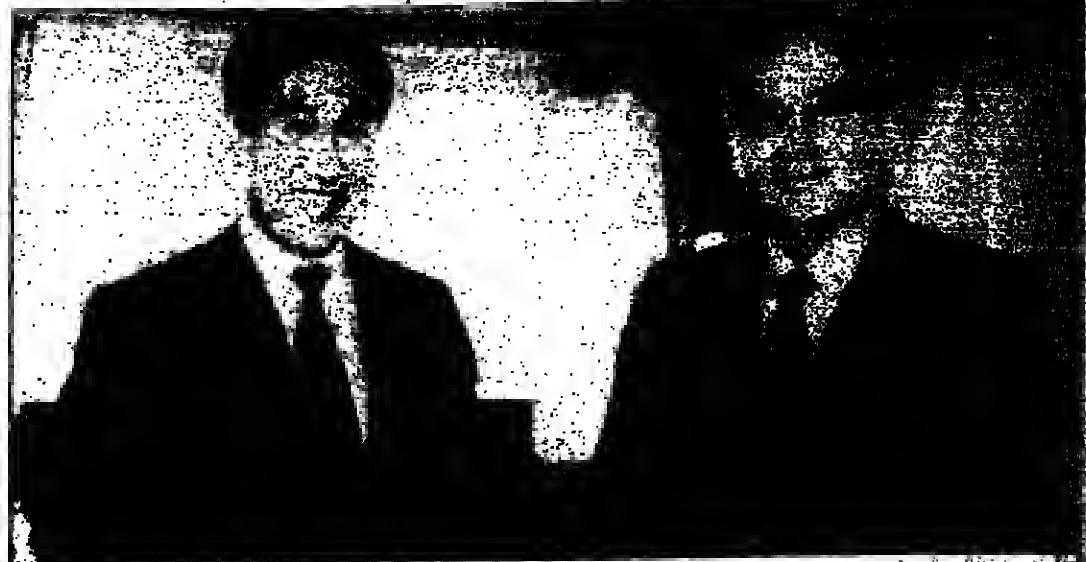
Wall posters at two schools denounced the talks and warned Moscow "your diplomats arriving in Seoul will be driven

out by the Korean people."

Radicals claim Roh is trying to establish relations with Moscow to delay unification of the peninsula. They say Moscow's recognition of the Seoul government will perpetuate the two Koreas. North Korea is a long-time ally of the Soviet Union.

But Lee Soo-Jung, an aide traveling with Roh, said, "the summit meeting has not only been a turning point in relations between the two countries, but has also been an epoch-making event which will see an end to the cold war legacy on the Korean peninsula and will pave the way for a peaceful reunification between South and North Korea."

North Korea's tightly controlled press made no mention on Tuesday of the meeting between Mikhail Gorbachev, leader of Pyongyang's Soviet ally, and despised South Korean President Roh Tae-woo.



Roh poses with Gorbachev at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco June 5. (Reuters wirephoto)

'China violates human rights'

Bush incurs wrath of many members of Congress

WASHINGTON, June 5, (AP): President George Bush said yesterday that China continues to violate human rights a year after the massacre near Tiananmen Square, but a Democratic leader said Bush is all talk and no action on the issue.

Bush incurred that wrath of many members of Congress last month by extending for a year most-favoured-nation trading status under which Beijing receives low tariffs on its goods.

Yesterday, Bush issued a statement critical of Chinese leaders, calling on them to "turn decisively away from repression."

Bush said his administration values "good relations with the Chinese people and government" and is ready "to develop this relationship as China resumes a ... path of reform."

Senate majority leader George Mitchell also used the anniversary to speak out on the issue, reiterating Democratic complaints that Bush actually is lending support to Beijing by continuing its most-favoured trade status.

"The Chinese people must be told that the President's silence does not represent the view of all Americans," Mitchell said.

Diane Dewhurst, Mitchell's spokeswoman, said later that the majority leader had not seen the president's statement and would have no comment.

Bush, a former US envoy to China, praised China for reforms undertaken from 1978 to 1988, but said he remained "deeply concerned by the lack of respect for internationally recognised human rights in China today, and urge a rapid return to the more positive course set before Tiananmen occurred."

Sihanouk, Hun Sen sign pact

TOKYO, June 5, (AP): Cambodian resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk and Cambodian Premier Hun Sen signed a communique today that called for an end to hostilities but stopped short of declaring a ceasefire in the 11-year-old civil war.

Powerful communist Khmer Rouge guerrillas, who are part of a three-part rebel coalition Sihanouk heads, boycotted the session. The statement said all factions "should refrain from all offensive actions" and there should be measures to ensure a "military standstill." But it said an "actual ceasefire" should be realised through agreement on forming a Supreme National Council.

The council has been proposed as a body joining representatives of the resistance coalition and the Vietnam-backed Phnom Penh government. It would administer the country in the period before a plebiscite to determine Cambodia's future.

The communique said the Supreme National Council should include equal representation from the resistance coalition and the Phnom Penh government and be formed by the end of July. It mentioned a future role for the United Nations in monitoring the withdrawal of foreign forces, the end of foreign military supplies and a ceasefire agreement.

The impact of the declaration on fighting in Cambodia was hard to judge. Combat intensified in the days preceding the Tokyo conference as the contenders sought to extend their areas of control.

In Bangkok, Sihanouk spokesman Roland Eng said heavy fighting was continuing and guerrilla groups had launched offensives in areas around Phnom Penh, Cambodia's capital.

The Khmer Rouge nominal leader, Kieu Samphan, did not attend the signing ceremony. He also boycotted the opening session yesterday when the Tokyo peace conference started.

Kaifu briefed on summit

TOKYO, June 5, (Kuna): American President George Bush told Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu today that he did not achieve any progress with the Soviet Union on the northern Japanese islands' dispute during his summit with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

The official Japanese spokesman Mitsuji Sakamoto said Bush reached him over the phone and told him that he discussed the islands' dispute with Gorbachev, but Gorbachev did not display any idea on the issue.

Sakamoto pointed out that Bush promised to continue his support for the Japanese proposal of returning the islands occupied by the Soviet Union after World War II.

He added that Bush invited Kaifu to visit Washington before the seven industrial countries (G-7) conference, scheduled to be held next month in Houston.

The Japanese spokesman quoted Bush as saying that he discussed the Korean stance and the Cambodian dispute with Gorbachev, but Gorbachev did not reveal his ideas on regional security in Asia.



A young boy plays with a toy tank in Beijing's Tiananmen Square as the area was re-opened to public. (Reuters wirephoto)

HK people ignore bill of rights

HONG KONG, June 5, (Reuters): Hong Kong people have slammed a draft bill of rights aimed at boosting sagging confidence in the British colony before it returns to China in 1997. Critics say the public sees the charter as irrelevant to their future.

A public consultation exercise on the bill ends tomorrow and government officials admit the response has been poor.

"The responses are all very detailed submissions from different groups, but there are well below 100," a source close to the exercise said. "Submissions by individuals are very low."

The bill of rights, based on the 1966 United Nations covenants on civil and political rights and on economic and social rights, guarantees among other things freedom of thought, expression, association and movement.

The bill was part of a package of measures put forward by the British government to boost confidence in the colony, shattered after China's bloody crackdown on a pro-democracy protest in Beijing's Tiananmen Square in June last year.

The two-month consultation, originally due to end in mid-May, was extended for three weeks to collect more responses.

The government says the poor response is due to the complexity of the document.

Haunted by Tiananmen Chinese dissident Wu'er recalls

PARIS, June 5, (AP): Wu'er Kaixi is haunted by thoughts that he may have enticed people to their deaths at Tiananmen Square a year ago. On the evening of June 3, 1989, as Chinese troops prepared their bloody assault on the square and the pro-democracy protesters who had occupied it for three weeks, Wu'er went to the people of Beijing for help.

"As night fell I thought there weren't enough people on the square, that it was becoming more and more dangerous," he recalled in an interview exactly one year later.

Thinking that Beijing citizens' numbers would protect the students, he rushed about the capital for more than four hours that night, holding rallies and urging people to flock to Tiananmen.

"Many people went," he said. "Looking back I feel very — it's so difficult to say, but I believe many people heard me speak, went to Tiananmen Square and were killed."

At least hundreds of unarmed students and protesters were killed when tanks and soldiers pushed through Beijing's streets to recapture Tiananmen. Wu'er, who collapsed from exhaustion and left the square in an ambulance shortly before the soldiers arrived, says at least 3,000 died.

Wu'er was born in Beijing and lived there for 16 years before attending high school in Xinjiang, the region in China's far west largely populated by Wu'er's fellow ethnic Uygurs.

His proper name is Uekesh Daolat — Wu'er Kaixi is the Chinese transliteration of his first name.

It was during his first year back in Beijing, in a pre-freshman preparatory course at Beijing normal university in 1988, that Wu'er made a name for himself as a cocky but articulate thinker who was quick to question authority.

He became head of a Confucian study group that started out as a forum to discuss his major — education — but quickly developed into an arena for political debate.

"I was outspoken. I was a headache for the administration, a troublemaker," he said. He was a troublemaker even to his friends who were trying to slip him out of the country after June 4. "I didn't want to leave. Friends spent a lot of time not so much helping me leave China, but convincing me to go," he recalls.

"So many times I said 'so what, if I get caught I get caught.' Now, however, I understand them," he said, a year wiser at age 22.

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He said the Chinese government, in suppressing demonstrations, was denying its citizens "the freedom of expression, freedom of the press and freedom of association."

"These are freedoms that are enshrined in both the US constitution and the Chinese constitution," Bush said.

Some sanctions Bush imposed on China in the aftermath of the Tiananmen Square crackdown, including a ban on military sales, remain in force.

Tiananmen Square re-opened to the public today, after being closed for the anniversary of last year's military suppression of a massive pro-democracy movement.

The anniversary passed without major incident. University campuses in northwest Beijing were quiet today morning as students, from whose numbers came the leaders of the democracy movement, went to class or prepared for upcoming final exams.

The square, centre of the movement, had been closed since Friday and ringed with armed police. They still patrolled adjoining streets on Tuesday.

Chinese police briefly detained a worker, apparently on suspicion of being a political dissident, after he bought a wreath for his grandmother's funeral, a Western businessman said on Tuesday.

The businessman, who asked that neither he nor his company be identified, told Reuters the worker was taken into custody on Saturday after he bought a wreath but could not produce a death certificate for his relative.

The worker, whose factory supplies goods to the businessman, was released 24 hours later after police went to his home and discovered his grandmother's corpse.

A student who dared speak at a raucous and daring weekend rally at Beijing University returned to the campus after a brief detention but has dropped from sight, teachers and classmates said today.

The Foreign Ministry, reacting to protests from foreign journalists over beatings and harassment by police during the past two days, issued a "serious warning" to journalists against what it called "illegal news coverage."

Beijing University was reported quiet after students smashed about two dozen bottles on the campus yesterday in a second show of dissent, much smaller than a noisy and brazen anti-government demonstration by 1,000 students Sunday night.

In Hong Kong, tens of thousands of people staged a candlelight vigil at a park yesterday in remembrance of those killed in last June's bloody suppression of China's pro-democracy movement.

The Japanese-sponsored Cavite industrial estate has been delayed by arguments over land use, while the Luzon petrochemical project is stalled by a dispute over whether it will bring in foreign capital or depend on funds raised locally.

"Is there no finality and certainty in our registration and approval process for foreign investments?" demanded the joint statement, issued by the financial executives institute of the Philippines, the Makati business club and the Management Association of the Philippines.

"How many hurdles, investigations, court suits and public attacks must a major foreign investor undergo

before the investment can be considered approved?" The statement said the projects would foster industrial developments and create thousands of jobs.

"If we are serious about attracting foreign investments, we believe the time has come when congress and the president must get their act together ...," it said.

The attempted coup last December, the sixth and most serious attempt to oust President Corason Aquino, has also hurt investors' faith in the Philippines.

The economic damage from the coup attempt has been reduced by higher remittances from Filipino workers abroad, and by a reduction in interest payments on foreign debt, which the government has begun paying back.

Americans warned

Ex-military officer killed in Philippines

MANILA, June 5, (UPI): A detained rebel leader warned today communist guerrillas to intensify attacks against US personnel if President Corason Aquino agrees to extend US basing rights in the Philippines.

Satur Ocampo, alleged chief of the National Democratic Front, told reporters before his arraignment on kidnapping charges Aquino had lost an "historic opportunity" to settle the 21-year insurgency when he decided not to terminate US basing rights expiring in 1991.

He said the guerrillas would have declared a "unilateral ceasefire" if Aquino had decided not to enter into negotiations for the extension of a 1947 treaty covering the giant US Clark Air Base, Subic Bay Naval Station and four smaller facilities.

Manila and Washington decided after one week of exploratory talks last month to negotiate a new agreement for continued US military presence.

The NDF is the communist guerrilla's political wing. Ocampo was one of the rebel negotiators in the short-lived peace talks on ending the insurgency in December 1986.

Ocampo, his wife Carolina Malay, and 15 other guerrillas have been charged with the October 1988 kidnapping of a military officer, Capt Eduardo Borromeo, in Quezon province, a rebel stronghold south of Manila. Only the Ocampos, who were arrested last year, are under custody.

The arraignment was deferred to June 27 after defence lawyers argued that the defendants should have been accused of the political crime of rebellion and not the ordinary crime of kidnapping. They also face murder and illegal arms charges in other courts.

"If the Aquino government signs a new bases agreement with the Americans, there will be an intensification of anti-American operations (by the rebels). That's for sure," said Ocampo, who was brought to court amid heavy security.

"Will the Americans retaliate in kind? That is the big question," he said. "World opinion will prevent the United States from sending US troops, but will increase their arms aid to the Manila government. 'We don't want a direct military intervention. It will cost more lives.'"

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Police said retired Lt Col Laudemer Kahulugan, a retired lieutenant colonel, was slain by five gunmen as he drove to work in suburban Marikina.

Kahulugan was chief security officer for Pure Foods Inc, which had experienced labour problems. He was the second Pure Foods security director slain since 1988.

Police suspected the assailants were communist rebels because of the style of the attack and weapons used. Witnesses said the assailants opened fire with 45-calibre and 9 millimeter pistols as Kahulugan's car slowed down along a narrow street near his office.

One of the gunmen then jumped on the hood and fired at point-blank range before fleeing, police said. Before leaving the military, Kahulugan served as police commander in Davao, where he was instrumental in organising anti-communist vigilantes.

Eight people were killed and 5,000 villagers fled their homes when fighting broke out between two prominent Muslim families in the southern Philippines, the government information agency said today.

After Philippines officials refused to allow them entry, the Vietnamese were moved to another American ship, the USS White Plains, which is docked at Subic 50 miles (80 kilometers) west of Manila.

Herman Laurel, administrator of the Philippine refugee processing centre, said the refusal was made to "show displeasure on the continued defiance of the US and Vietnam on the proposed forced repatriation policy of first asylum countries."

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Kahulugan was chief security officer for Pure Foods Inc, which had experienced labour problems. He was the second Pure Foods security director slain since 1988.

Police suspected the assailants were communist rebels because of the style of the attack and weapons used. Witnesses said the assailants opened fire with 45-calibre and 9 millimeter pistols as Kahulugan's car slowed down along a narrow street near his office.

One of the gunmen then jumped on the hood and fired at point-blank range before fleeing, police said. Before leaving the military, Kahulugan served as police commander in Davao, where he was instrumental in organising anti-communist vigilantes.

Eight people were killed and 5,000 villagers fled their homes when fighting broke out between two prominent Muslim families in the southern Philippines, the government information agency said today.

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Political killings, govt wrangling over foreign investment projects hit Philippine economy

MANILA, June 5, (Reuters): A spate of political killings and government wrangling over foreign investment projects are combining to further undermine business confidence in the Philippines.

The battered Philippine economy is holding up better than either the government or private economists predicted, despite persistent rumours of another coup attempt, electric power shortages and a lingering drought.

But uncertainty over the future of US military bases in the Philippines, political killings in the capital and near the bases, and squabbling between officials over foreign investment are shattering the patience of many businessmen.

Trade and Industry Secretary Jose Concepcion, at the

centre of a row over a Taiwanese petrochemical project, said yesterday that the controversy had created the impression among foreign investors that the country was in chaos.

"The stock market hasumbled, investments have dropped," he told a congressional committee.

"What we have now is a picture of a nation whose officials are oblivious to the national interest, who are forever bickering, scheming and making deals whenever they can."

Three of the country's business groups issued a joint statement expressing grave concern over the government's investment policies after the \$400 million petrochemical project and a major industrial development south of Man-

ila involving Japanese companies both ran into trouble. The Japanese-sponsored Cavite industrial estate has been delayed by arguments over land use, while the Luzon petrochemical project is stalled by a dispute over whether it will bring in foreign capital or depend on funds raised locally.

"Is there no finality and certainty in our registration and approval process for foreign investments?" demanded the joint statement, issued by the financial executives institute of the Philippines, the Makati business club and the Management Association of the Philippines.

"How many hurdles, investigations, court suits and public attacks must a major foreign investor undergo

before the investment can be considered approved?" The statement said the projects would foster industrial developments and create thousands of jobs.

"If we are serious about attracting foreign investments, we believe the time has come when congress and the president must get their act together ...," it said.

The attempted coup last December, the sixth and most serious attempt to oust President Corason Aquino, has also hurt investors' faith in the Philippines.

The economic damage from the coup attempt has been reduced by higher remittances from Filipino workers abroad, and by a reduction in interest payments on foreign debt, which the government has begun paying back.

US to destroy chemical arms

Ahead of superpower summit treaty schedule

WASHINGTON, June 5. (AP): The United States plans to begin destroying chemical weapons at a remote Pacific island late this year, well ahead of the schedule set in a treaty signed at last week's superpower summit, officials said yesterday.

The destruction of older US chemical arms stored in West Germany is to start at an army facility on Johnston Atoll, said

Barry Daniel, a spokesman for the State Department's arms control and disarmament agency.

The weapons will be brought to the island beginning Aug 1, he said, adding that destruction is expected to begin by the end of the year.

The Johnston Atoll plant was built to meet a 1985 Congressional requirement to destroy all existing US chemical weapons

by 1997 as a condition for approving a Defence Department programme to produce a new generation of such weapons.

The agreement signed on Friday by President George Bush and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev requires each side to reduce its stockpile to 5,000 tonnes by 2,002, although the Soviets have no active facility for destroying their

weapons. The United States says it has about 25,000 tonnes of chemical agents; the Soviets say they have 50,000 tonnes.

Destruction is supposed to begin by Dec 31, 1992, but doubts have arisen over the Soviets' plans because the government last summer shut down its only destruction facility at Chapaevsk on the Volga river, because of environmental protests.

Gorbachev calls for more united world

Scientists asked to destroy nuclear weapons

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5. (AP): Declaring that "the cold war is now behind us," Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev called for a more united world in which American and Soviet scientists work together to destroy nuclear weapons.

Before leaving for Moscow about 7:45 pm yesterday (0245 GMT Tuesday), the Soviet leader met with South Korean President Roh Tae-woo, and Roh said afterward the two countries agreed to establish diplomatic relations.

In the last hours of his visit to the United States, Gorbachev also

continued his courtship of business, telling top executives he would speed up plans to make the Soviet rouble a convertible currency, helping foreign companies take their profits out of the country.

Gorbachev said Moscow wants to overcome the reluctance of Western executives who hold back from investing in the Soviet Union because they don't have enough control of their assets.

The meeting between Gorbachev and Roh was the first between leaders of the two countries, which have never established diplomatic relations since Korea was divided after World War II.



Raisa and Gorbachev lead Reagan and Nancy out of the residence of the Soviet Consul General June 4 after a breakfast meeting. (Reuters wirephoto)



Raisa compares the price of bread with clerk Hai Kim (centre) during a visit to a grocery market while touring in San Francisco June 4. (Reuters wirephoto)



Gorbachev shakes hands with Reagan during the breakfast meeting June 4. (Reuters wirephoto)

Nancy, Raisa hold meeting

It was 'very nice': Mrs Reagan

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5. (Agencies): Nancy Reagan and Raisa Gorbacheva exchanged smiles and handshakes yesterday and renewed a relationship that Mrs Reagan said had been misunderstood.

As former president Reagan and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev chatted on a sofa in the Soviet consul general's home, their wives perched on chairs and talked.

Afterward, Mrs Reagan characterised her hourlong meeting with Mrs Gorbachev as "very nice."

"I think there's been a great misunderstanding about our relationship," Mrs Reagan told reporters.

Mrs Reagan's kind words for Mrs Gorbachev contrasted with her characterisation of her in "my turn," her memoir of her White House years.

"From the moment we met, she talked and talked — so much that I could barely get a word in, edge-wise or otherwise," Mrs Reagan wrote.

"Perhaps it was insecurity on her part, but during about a dozen encounters in three different countries, my fundamental impression of Raisa Gorbachev was that she never stopped talking."

"Or lecturing, to be more accurate," Mrs Reagan wrote.

And the last time Mrs Gorbachev visited Washington before this trip, in December 1987, she irritated Mrs Reagan by observing that the White House was more a museum than "a regular house."

Reagan and his wife Nancy have accepted an invitation from Gorbachev to visit the Soviet Union in September, Reagan's office announced.

"At the conclusion of the visit, President and Mrs Gorbachev renewed their invitation for Reagans to visit the Soviet Union in September. The Reagans have accepted that invitation," Reagan spokesman Mark Weinberg said in a statement issued here.

It would be the Reagans' first visit to the Soviet Union since the former president left office in 1989.

During the meeting over morning coffee at the Soviet consul-general's home in San Francisco, "President Reagan told President Gorbachev that a peaceful way should be found for the Baltic republics to be free," the statement said.

Reagan also told Gorbachev "to stay the course" in continuing to pursue economic and political reforms in the Soviet Union. The former president also stressed that a United Germany within NATO would not pose a threat to the Soviet Union, according to the statement.

In an afternoon speech at Stanford University, Gorbachev said the Soviet Union and United States should be partners in building the future. He acknowledged that although the two societies are coming closer, "they probably will never be fully alike. There is no need for that."

He implored scientists in both countries to join in determining how nuclear weapons could be destroyed without harming people or the environment.

He also advocated a system of international alliances that unites rather than divides the world.

"The cold war is now behind us. Let us not wrangle over who won it," the Soviet leader told the cheering audience.

Gorbachev called for a "new approach to the structures of security ... and alliance building" that would result in a "unity ... worthy of the life of a human being."

Earlier in the day, Gorbachev paused for a sentimental reunion with former president Ronald Reagan, who met him five times in four years to help thaw the icy relations between the cold war adversaries.

Reagan said afterward that Gorbachev "wants the same kind of solution we all want" to the Soviet Union's problems, now complicated by economic crisis, secessionist drives by the Baltic republics, and ethnic strife.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, an early and ardent supporter of Mikhail Gorbachev, will step into the Soviet Union's economic and political minefield during a four-day visit beginning on Thursday.

Three days after Gorbachev's return from the Washington summit with President George Bush, Thatcher will confer for the eighth time with the Soviet President on issues ranging from East-West relations to his battle for political survival at home.

She will also hold talks with Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov on Soviet plans to bring in a market-based economy within five years.

Throughout her stay, which will include a news conference and an interview with Soviet television, Thatcher will express her support for Gorbachev.

Criticised for not having been tough enough on Lithuania, President Bush met Democratic and Republican Congressional leaders Thursday to review the results of his summit with Mikhail Gorbachev.

Senate Democratic leader George Mitchell of Maine, who charged yesterday that Bush "effectively abandoned" Lithuania at the summit, was at the President's side for the post-summit session in the cabinet room of the White House.

Smiling and joking with the lawmakers, Bush brushed aside a question about Mitchell's criticism of his refusal to use a bilateral trade agreement as leverage to seek an easing of Soviet economic pressure on Lithuania.

All Europe should agree on which military alliance a united Germany would join, a senior Soviet official said today.

What began six months ago as an invasion by about 150 of Charles Taylor's National Patriotic Front of Liberia rebels has degenerated into a bloody tribal feud between Gios and Manos supporting Taylor, and Krahn backing President Samuel Doe.

According to estimates of diplomats and aid workers, the war has claimed hundreds of civilian lives.

Taylor launched his invasion into the Gio and Mano homeland in northeastern Nimba County, a hotbed of anti-Doe sentiment and spawning ground for a major coup attempt in 1985.

Army reprisals have swelled his core group to a force of thousands.

Now the question on everyone's minds is how to prevent the killing from escalating should the rebels, who are within 30 miles (20 miles) of Monrovia, attack the capital. No one has an easy answer.

"What really chills most people is that it's easy to start this cycle of tribal violence but it's much more difficult to stop it," a diplomat said.

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Yeltsin gains deputy approval

MOSCOW, June 5. (UPI): Russian President Boris Yeltsin finally gained approval today for his candidacy as first deputy chairman of Parliament, but withdrew another nominee for a cabinet position.

After rejecting Yeltsin's candidates three times, the Congress of People's Deputies voted 604-378 today to approve economist Russian Khasbulatov as Yeltsin's chief deputy.

Yeltsin had earlier withdrawn the candidacy of legal scholar Sergei Shakrai for another deputy chairman's post. His difficulties in gaining approval for cabinet members raised questions about his mandate to lead the republic in radical changes.

Yeltsin, who won leadership of the Congress of People's Deputies and Russia's effective presidency last week by only four votes over a required majority, has now filled three posts in the four member cabinet.

Yesterday many deputies criticised Yeltsin's strong-arm tactics to push his candidates through despite earlier rejections, saying the moves contradicted the conciliatory image Yeltsin projected last week as he tried to win moderate legislators' support for his presidential bid.

"Now the chairman has rejected the democratic principles he himself proclaimed," said Vladimir Prytkov, a centrist lawmaker from Gorky.

"He got scared by this deadlock and decided that by proposing single candidates he could get out of this situation," said Leonid Kogan, a deputy from the Urals who shares many of Yeltsin's views. "But in fact he just exacerbated the confrontation."

Yesterday Khasbulatov blamed his early defeats on "forces outside the walls of the congress," including the hostile attitude of Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

Meanwhile, the Communist Party chief of the Ukraine was elected the republic's president yesterday over protests from the parliamentary opposition and thousands of demonstrators, local activists reported.

Volodymyr Ivashko, a protégé of Gorbachev, gained 60 per cent of the votes in the Ukrainian Supreme Soviet Parliament, according to Rukh Press International, an arm of the nationalist Ukrainian People's Front Rukh, which means "power" in Ukrainian.

Opposition members and protesters objected to Ivashko's hold on both the Ukrainian party leadership and the republic's presidency, according to the unofficial Rukh press, which has proved reliable in the past.

Steps up attacks

Walesa fires Henryk Wujec

WARSAW, June 5. (UPI): Solidarity founder Lech Walesa withdrew his support for a close associate whose newspaper criticised him for sacking another close aide, a Walesa spokesman said today.

Walesa last Friday dismissed Henryk Wujec, a leading union activist and secretary of the Civic Committee, a group of labour activists and intellectuals led by Walesa.

"The way Wujec was (fired) from his job could only take place in a monarchy, and only absolute monarchy," the Solidarity newspaper Gazeta Wyborcza said in an editorial.

Walesa's press office said Wujec was dismissed because he was linked with the Solidarity parliamentary caucus, which has goals and aims that differ at times from those of the union.

Residents of Harbel, the company town, said vehicles flying the red rebels flag and guerrillas wearing the red bandanas of the rebels had moved onto the eastern part of the plantation, which

stop it," a diplomat said.

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Hunger striker helped

28-year-old medical assistant Lungu Danut, on hunger strike since May 3 in protest against the government, is being helped by an anti-government protest group at a tent camp on Monday in central Bucharest where the protest started five weeks ago. Danut came down to 62 from 86 kg on the 33th day of his hunger strike. Doctors said 15 Romanians continue hunger strike now. (Reuters wirephoto)

Hungary marks Trianon 'versary

BUDAPEST, June 5. (AP): For the first time in more than 40 years, Hungary's Parliament yesterday marked the anniversary of the Treaty of Trianon that sealed the dismemberment of the Austro-Hungarian Empire after it fought on the losing side of World War I.

The treaty, which reduced Hungary's former territory by two-thirds and more than halved its population, is a powerful emotional issue in Hungary.

Under communist rule, however, it was taboo to mark the anniversary or question the treaty, under which much former Hungarian territory was given to what became communist Czechoslovakia, Romania and Yugoslavia.

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De Klerk faces first test of vote

DURBAN, June 5. (Reuters): President F.W. de Klerk faces white South African voters tomorrow for the first time since he introduced reforms aimed at black power-sharing and could be in for a rough ride.

Political analysts say the right-wing Conservative Party (CP) has a chance of winning the suburban Durban constituency Umlazi from De Klerk's National Party (NP) in a whites-only parliamentary by-election.

De Klerk's ruling margin in Parliament is unassailable — the NP has 102 seats in the 178-seat house — but the Umlazi result will be the first reliable weather-vane for white feelings about his plans for a non-racial, democratic South Africa.

It will be a test of support for the white right, some of whom are polishing their rifles for a life-or-death struggle against black majority rule.

Issues

The by-election campaign in mainly blue-collar Umlazi, on a hill overlooking this Indian Ocean resort, has ignored local issues to focus on the big national debate: the scrapping of apartheid race laws and the enfranchising of blacks who outnumber whites by five-to-one.

The pro-apartheid CP rails against De Klerk and his reforms, playing on white fears of black rulers, blacks moving in next door, black children and patients in white schools and hospitals and 'black communism' overwhelming 'Western values'.

"Reject our black future," says one election pamphlet.

"It's not open hotels or rugby they want — it's our country," CP candidate Francis Hitchcock declared to cries of outrage from a well-attended gathering of whites last night.

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Bush to see East German premier

WASHINGTON, June 5. (Reuters): President George Bush will meet East German Prime Minister Lothar de Maiziere on June 11 in the first ever visit by an East German leader to the White House.

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said yesterday it appeared to be the first meeting at any location between an American president and an East German leader.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Africa

Rebels condemn use of Asmara: Rebels accused Ethiopia's government on Tuesday of using the airport at the Eritrean capital Asmara as a military base and warned foreigners not to use it for relief work.

The Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF), fighting for Eritrean independence, said the airport was being used by government forces to ferry troops and arms and to carry out "atrocious bombing missions on the civilian population." (Reuters)

98 Unita rebels killed: Angolan government forces killed 98 US-backed Unita rebels during recent fighting near the southeastern town of Caimudo, the Angolan state news agency reported Tuesday.

The Angop report, monitored in Lisbon from the Angolan capital of Luanda, said seven rebels and six anti-tank missiles were captured and seven government soldiers wounded during the clashes Friday. Unita representatives contacted in the Portuguese capital declined to comment on the Angop dispatch. (AP)

Cuba, Angola slam aid to Unita: Cuba and Angola said on Monday that the United States and South Africa must stop supporting Angolan Unita rebels for there to be lasting peace in South-West Africa.

But they reassured South African and US officials at a one-day meeting in Havana that a withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola would continue as scheduled despite increased attacks by the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita) against Angola's left-wing government. (Reuters)

Red Cross delegates freed: Two delegates of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and abducted by rebels in Mozambique June 1 have been released, the humanitarian agency said Tuesday.

It said Renamo rebels reported that Brigitte Kecher, 37, and Thierry Triboulet, 31, "are safe and well" and were set free Monday.

The two delegates, both Swiss nationals, are conducting their assignment of assessing the needs of civilians in regions stricken by famine, the neutral ICRC said. (UPI)

Namibia to investigate: The Swapo government, accused of detaining hundreds of dissidents while fighting a guerrilla war against South African occupation of Namibia, bowed to pressure Monday and agreed to lead an all-party parliamentary probe into the allegations.

Prime Minister Hage Geingob, while sharply denying Swapo complicity, backed an opposition motion that the seven parties in Parliament investigate charges that hundreds of Namibians have been detained in one-time Swapo hush camps in southern Angola. (UPI)

Geingob asks for UN grants: The premier of newly-independent Namibia asked the UN Development Programme (UNDP) Tuesday for initial development aid in the form of grants instead of loans.

Hage Geingob said the former South African-controlled nation may be "potentially rich" but faces multiple problems in building up an independent economy.

It should therefore be considered at first as one of the world's least-developed countries and thus entitled to grants rather than loans, he said. (UPI)

Asia

Lawyers ask to attend trial: Japanese lawyers who represented a Chinese airplane hijacker in Japan said Tuesday they have asked China to allow them to attend his trial in Beijing and meet his family.

Lawyer Kazuo Ito said the demand was made in a letter sent Tuesday to Chinese ambassador to Japan Yang Zhenya.

Another lawyer in the group, Shin Kondo, said they wanted to see that Zhang Zhenhai received a fair trial for the Dec. 16, 1989, hijacking of a Chinese airliner, which landed in Fukuoka, southern Japan, after South Korea refused to let it land there. (AP)

Thailand denies Lao air attack: Thailand Tuesday denied Lao government allegations that a Thai plane intruded into Lao territory and fired two rockets in what Lao radio said was an effort by "bad elements" to upset improving relations.

Thai Foreign Ministry spokesman Somponse Fai-champa said a Thai diplomat in Vientiane had been summoned to receive an official Lao protest over the alleged incident on May 30. (UPI)

Indonesia receives rare tigers: The US ambassador Tuesday handed over a pair of white Bengal tigers to Indonesia under a rare animal exchange agreement between the two countries.



Watch the birdie!

A Tibetan monk gets ready to take a picture of his friends in Beijing's Tiananmen Square, June 5 as the area is re-opened to the public after remaining closed for the past five days. The city began returning to normal after the passing of the first anniversary of the June 4 massacre which was marked with several acts of defiance despite extremely tight security. (Reuters wirephoto)



Students sit-in

Wearing white headbands in sign of mourning some 20 Soviet students staged a sit-in on Moscow's Red Square, June 4 in memory of Chinese students who were killed by tanks as they staged a peaceful protest a year ago on Beijing's Tiananmen Square. The Soviet students were later forcibly removed by police. (Reuters wirephoto)

Europe

Scientific forgers identified: Scholarly sleuths have shown that a British scientist and a country lawyer apparently conspired in the piltdown man "missing link" forgery, the greatest science fraud of the century, the New York Times reported on Tuesday.

Research by Frank Spencer, an anthropology professor at Queens College of the City University of New York, points to Sir Arthur Keith as the key figure behind the fraud.

Keith, an anatomist at the Hunterian Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons, was apparently helped by Charles Dawson, a Sussex lawyer and amateur geologist, who placed the bones of the "piltdown man" in a gravel pit in England where Dawson later said he found them. (Reuters)

Havel to make TV address: President Václav Havel, who inspired and led Czechoslovakia's transition from totalitarian rule to democracy, is expected to urge his countrymen on Tuesday to use their votes in the country's first free elections in 44 years.

Havel will make a television address appealing to Czechoslovaks not to waste their opportunity in the balloting on Friday and Saturday but to ensure that they guarantee themselves a democratic future. (Reuters)

Cemetery probe bungled: Police bungled their probe into the desecration of a Jewish cemetery last month by burying a mutilated corpse and failing to protect physical evidence, a newspaper said Tuesday in Paris.

The conservative daily Le Figaro reported that the trial has gone cold for dozens of detectives assigned to track down vandals who violated the cemetery at Carpentras in southern France. (AP)

Venice World fair site: The Italian government decided Tuesday to stick with the candidacy of Venice to host the Expo 2000 world's fair despite fierce opposition from environmentalists and the European Parliament.

Premier Giulio Andreotti outlined the government's position to Parliament after sounding out his ministers in a late night cabinet meeting. (AP)

Britain must maintain defenses: UK Defence Secretary Tom King said Monday that Britain must maintain its defenses, despite the proclamation by the superpowers that the cold war was over.

While welcoming the changes in Eastern Europe, King noted that "the world does not begin and end in Europe." (Kuna)

Spanish 'ghostbuster' held: A psychologist who claims to have recorded ghostly screams in an empty Madrid palace was detained on Monday after one of her cheques bounced, police said.

A spokesman said Carmen de Sanchez Castro was held at Madrid police headquarters on a judge's order. He gave no details.

De Sanchez Castro made recordings, which have been widely broadcast, of whispering voices she said belonged to a couple who owned the Linars Palace in the 19th century. Their lives were shattered when they learned that their marriage was incestuous. (Reuters)

Fail to endorse ban on hunting: Italy's hunting lobby and pesticide firms received an unexpected boost on Monday when a record low turnout killed three referendums to ban hunting and restrict pesticide use in farming.

Despite last-minute appeals from worried environmentalists, only 43 per cent of the electorate turned out to vote during two days of polling, according to official figures.

While the Italian Interior Ministry said the results must still be ratified, by law more than 50 per cent must vote for referendums to be valid. (Reuters)

Seals dying in White Sea: Scores of baby seals have been found dead in the White Sea in the northwest Soviet Union, two weeks after an estimated 4 million dead starfish washed ashore in the same area, the Interfax news agency reported Monday.

Interfax, an independent news agency that began in co-operation with radio Moscow, said a radiology laboratory in Obninsk near Moscow found the starfish deaths had to do with radiation exposure. (UPI)

Special Report: Immigration to Palestine



Four hundred Soviet Jews who flew to Israel from Budapest aboard a chartered jumbo jet of the El Al airline. (Reuters file photo)

Soviet Jews rush to Israel

New arrivals complicate Middle East situation

HAIFA, Israel, June 5, (AP): The narrow, hot, smoky corridors of a resettlement office are crisscrossed by Soviet Jews; young and middle-aged couples, elderly women. World War II veterans with rows of medals on their chests.

Hysterical arguments flare up in the long lines. Besieged officials look exhausted. A woman tries to push ahead of others to a lawyer who is supposed to help immigrants deal with landlords.

Several people shout angrily. Finally someone cries, "Please" please, stop it, we are all animals!"

Confusion is everywhere as Israel struggles to absorb a huge influx of Soviet Jews that caught the government by surprise, threatening to overwhelm social services and balloon

the national debt and unemployment.

The surge of arrivals also complicates the Middle East situation. Arab nations see the immigration as a threat to Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev said Sunday that he might stop the exodus to Israel to prevent more immigrants settling in occupied lands.

Officials and private citizens in Israel welcome the newcomers, whatever the problems they pose, as a fulfillment of the age-old dream of "ingathering" Jewish exiles.

Israelis hope the tide will result in the country having enough Jews to survive economically and militarily and to keep abreast of an Arab population with a much higher birth rate.

State

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 5, (AP): Here are some facts and figures about the immigration of Soviet Jews to Israel.

Numbers — A total of 160,426 Soviet Jews settled in Israel between 1971 and 1988. More than 40,000 have arrived so far in 1990 and up to 150,000 are expected by year's end. About 1 million are expected to have arrived by the end of summer.

Costs — The government has budgeted the equivalent of \$2.2 billion for 1990 and will need \$3 billion annually to settle 150,000 Jews a year.

Housing — Construction to begin this year on 70,000 apartments, including 45,000 public housing units. Despite that, the Central Bank predicts a shortage of 29,000 units in 1990 and 62,000 in 1992.

The immigrants — About 75 per cent are under 55 years old, and 54 per cent have academic degrees. In every 100,000, there are an average of 11,222 engineers, 2,608 doctors and dentists, 2,642 teachers, 1,713 computer programmers, 1,072 mathematicians and physicians, 1,399 accountants, 1,008 carpenters, 697 painters and 23 piano repairmen.

Benefits provided — The benefits package for each immigrant totals \$11,500. A family of three is entitled to a rent subsidy of \$238 a month the first year, \$188 for the second and \$125 for the third year, plus a living allowance of \$400 a month for two years or until work is found.

In early May, the government added \$1.20 billion to the \$900 million budgeted for settling immigrants. That meant budget cuts and more borrowing abroad.

And the sheer job of dealing with so many immigrants at the individual level remains staggering. In Holon, a Tel Aviv suburb, Nissim Spiegelmacher gets up at 4 a.m. an hour later" he joins a line forming outside the Absorption Ministry office" which opens at 7 a.m. Other immigrants who arrive later, are turned away.

"An official has to deal with 35 families a day," said Spiegelmacher, 49, a bearded engineer from Odessa. "The rooms are crowded... the organization is terrible."

His wife Nora, a 47-year-old chemist, complained that government offices were open only in the morning, while they were in Hebrew class. One of them has to

Uncertainty, anti-Semitism in USSR

Soviet Jews fear

ODESSA, USSR, June 5, (AP): The Horshaks are afraid of leaving of what the future in Israel will bring, but uncertainty and anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union are more frightening still.

They have joined hundreds of thousands of other Soviet Jews in applying to leave for Israel. A record 40,000 have gone so far in 1990 and Israeli officials expect up to 150,000 Soviet Jews to arrive by year's end.

"We want to leave because the situation in general is very unstable," said Svetlana Horshak, a plump, 45-year-old chemist. "The possibility of some nationalistic outbursts in the country is also very unpleasant."

Russian nationalist movements have had little impact in this Black Sea port city of 1.1 million, once a thriving Jewish center but Odessa is in the Ukraine which has a long history of anti-Semitism.

Mrs Horshak said: "I almost don't feel it here especially among my friends. But even the talk about possible pogroms elsewhere is quite unpleasant and I think there is a 50 per cent possibility it may happen here. What is important is that I cannot say what I can expect from people with whom I have normal good relations under extreme conditions."

For her husband, Mikhail, a 43-year-old engineer, fears and uncertainty about the future are embodied in Marina, their 13-year-old daughter.

"She is the reason I want to leave," Horshak said.

He sat at a table bearing thin tablets of unleavened matzo bread made for Passover, which commemorates the flight of Jews from ancient Egypt.

The solitary reminder of the holiday illustrated the frail links many families in the Soviet Union have with Jewish tradition.

Mrs Horshak wanted to emigrate in the early 1970s, when some of her relatives and friends left

for Israel and the United States. At the time she thought of going to America.

Mikhail, 43, felt he could not abandon his native country and the town of his birth, and there was no pressing need to improve their living standard.

The family has spent four generations in a comparatively spacious apartment first occupied by Mrs Horshak's great-grandmother, who moved to Odessa in the 1920s.

The Horshaks earn 500 roubles a month, a medium income that kept them here while others sought a better living abroad.

Svetlana does environmental research for the city sanitation department and Mikhail, a maritime engineer, is an expert on industrial waste disposal.

After deciding to leave they asked relatives in Israel to send them an invitation, which is needed to start emigration procedures.

The document arrived in April, and now the Horshaks are waiting to apply for an exit visa. They are No. 180 on the list.

Even after many radio broadcasts, letters and conversations with tourists, Israel remains a mystery to the Horshaks.

They pepper a visitor from Israel with questions. What's the climate like? Is this furniture worth packing? Would Mikhail be doing army reserve duty?

Most of all they fear having to live in the occupied territories where 70,000 Israeli settlers are surrounded by 1.7 million Palestinians.

"Is it true that we are going to be sent to the territories, to become a buffer between Israelis and Palestinians?" Mikhail asked the visitor.

Israel says there is no policy of settling Jews in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, and that only 200 Soviet immigrants live there.

For Marina, submerged in reading, aerobics and pop music, the prospect of leaving seems like an adventure.

miss class in order to get the paperwork done, she said.

Alexei Streimashov, a theatre director from Kiev in his late 20s, mustered that long lines were familiar to Soviet immigrants.

"In those lines, people bark at each other, they start to hate each other, just like in the Soviet Union," he said.

Housing and employment are the main problems. The government wants to start building 70,000 apartments this year, including 45,000 public housing units but officials say the first units would take 16 months to complete.

The government system of subsidizing rental apartments has pushed prices up and led to a projected shortage of 29,000 units in the medium-price range by the end of this year.

Natana Sharanovsky, who spent nine years in Soviet prison camps for human rights activism and immigrated in 1986, said his war-nings about an immigration boom had been ignored and he

fears the housing crisis is not taken seriously.

"We have lines of people seeking apartments and it's already clear that we would not have a single apartment in a few months," he said. "For a year we speak about construction, and we are not building."

Israel's economy still staggers from loss of tourism and extra military costs resulting from the 2 1/2-year-old Palestinian uprising. Unemployment has averaged 9.3 per cent so far this year.

Finding jobs for the Soviet Jews is especially difficult because one in four is a highly educated professional. They face tough competition in labour market that already has 24 per cent professionals, compared to 16 per cent in the United States.

David Mena, head of the State Employment Service, said most immigrants would start housing jobs late this summer, when their Hebrew language courses are completed.

"When we have six people competing for every job and no new jobs being created, these immigrants would not find jobs in their profession," he said.

Immigration has inflamed ethnic tensions among Jews. A debate on resettlement costs has pitted many Ashkenazis of European descent, including Soviet Jews, against Sephardis of Middle Eastern origin.

There are fears that financial resources are being diverted from the Negev and other predominantly Sephardi areas, where factories have been closing and laying off workers.

Some callers to radio shows and letters to newspapers have suggested the immigrants be put in tent camps like the Sephardis were in the 1950s.

Whether more of the newcomers will choose Likud or Labour is not known, but most are secular and may upset the ultra-orthodox political faction's ability to be a kingmaker in coalition governments.

Jew influx superpowers' deal

KUWAIT, June 5, (Kuna): Member of the PLO's Executive Committee, Abdullah Hourani, has said the issue of Soviet Jews emigration to Israel was a result of deals concluded between the United States and the Soviet Union.

In an interview with a Kuwaiti daily, Hourani questioned if the Soviet Union has abandoned dealing with the Palestinian

cause as the fundamental Arab problem.

"The emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel does not only constitute a threat to peace in Palestine but also to neighbouring Arab lands." Therefore, "the Soviet Union whether it wanted or not has encouraged Israel to expansion and occupation," said Hourani.

Israel having trouble absorbing highly educated professional Soviet Jewish immigrants

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, June 5, (AP): Vladimir Kislik, a nuclear physicist who worked in a Soviet atomic weapons programme has had to take a job analysing coal ashes.

Kislik, who arrived a year ago is lucky to have work. Nearly one of every four Soviet Jewish immigrants is a highly educated professional and Israel is having trouble absorbing such an influx of brain power.

"Israel cannot provide employment for the thousands of scientists who will immigrate in the next two years," Absorption Minister Yitzhak Peretz says.

Amos Rubin, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's economics adviser said of the highly qualified professionals. "If we absorb even one in 10 successfully, we know we are on the right track."

This year's immigration figures are staggering and the volume caught Israeli officials by surprise. The Jewish agency, which assists immigrants, says each 100,000 immigrants from the Soviet Union includes nearly 23,000 professionals — about 11,000 engineers, 2,500 doctors and dentists, 2,000 scientists and roughly 7,000 others such as computer specialists and nurses.

No figures are available on how the 10,000 profes-

sionals who arrived in the past six months have fared but employment opportunities are limited.

Universities and government laboratories have places for only a small number of engineers and researchers. Few high-tech jobs are being created in private industry because of a recession brought on in part by the 2 1/2-year-old Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

There is fierce competition from Israel's highly skilled labour force of which professionals make up 24 per cent compared to 16 per cent in the United States.

Israeli officials say unemployment for university

graduates exceeds the nationwide average rate of a per cent. Thousands of engineers and scientists have sought work abroad, mainly in the United States.

Haim Harari, a physicist who heads the respected Weizmann Institute in Rehovot, said earlier this year the Soviet immigrants should not receive preferential treatment.

"I can't accept a situation where we create jobs only open to Russian immigrants, and Israelis are in the United States waiting to come back, but can't find jobs," he said. "It's sheer idiocy to export our people to the United States and import Russians."

Israeli soldiers kill 8-year-old Arab boy

PLO leaders warn of Israeli strike at Libya, Jordan

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 5. (Agencies): Israeli soldiers shot and killed an 8-year-old Palestinian boy today during a confrontation in a refugee camp in the occupied West Bank, Arab reports said.

The army confirmed a boy from Askar camp near Nablus was killed but said it was investigating the circumstances. The military spokesman's office said the victim was 10.

The fatality quickly triggered more unrest in the camp as several hundred angry Palestinians attended the boy's funeral, some unfurling outlawed Palestinian flags.

Soldiers clamped a curfew on the camp of 9,000 to contain the

violence, the army said. There was no immediate reports of additional casualties.

The violent outbreak came as Palestinians staged a general strike throughout the occupied lands marking the 23rd anniversary of the 1967 Middle East war, when Israel captured the West Bank and Gaza Strip from Jordan and Egypt.

The victim, Ahmad Salama, died at Al Ibtidha hospital in Nablus after being struck by a rubber bullet which penetrated his skull, hospital officials said.

According to Arab reports, Salama was shot in an alleyway near his home in the ramshackle camp.

Israel radio said the troops opened fire in response to a stone-throwing attack against Israeli vehicles on a nearby highway.

In Israel, meanwhile, a magistrate judge ordered the Israeli suspect in a massacre of Arab workers near Tel Aviv last month held an additional 14 days while the investigation continues.

The shooting suspect, Ami Popper, 21, of Rishon Letzion near Tel Aviv, is undergoing psychiatric tests by court order.

Popper's attorney, David Ofek, contends his client is not psychologically fit to stand trial. Meanwhile, two senior Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) officials warned today that Israel might launch a retaliatory military operation against Libya or Jordan after an aborted airborne attack against an Israeli beach last week.

In a statement to the Bahraini newspaper Al Ayam carried by the Manama-based Gulf News Agency, the PLO's No. 2 Salah Khalef said Israel was "waiting for an American move in reaction to the raid (against the Israeli coast), such as suspending US dialogue with the PLO."

Khalef said that if the United States suspended dialogue in Tunis with the PLO, such a move would "satisfy the Israelis."

"But if the United States does not take the initiative in suspending the dialogue with the PLO, they (Israelis) will launch a retaliatory military operation... it is expected that the Israelis will strike. Palestinian leaders, or Palestinian establishments in (the Jordanian capital) Amman and Libya."

Hani Al Hassan, PLO leader Yasser Arafat's political adviser, said in an interview published today in a Kuwaiti daily that Israel will try to "cross into Jordan now, and will not be satisfied unless it strikes at both Iraq and Syria."

And Farouk Kaddoumi, the PLO's foreign ministers, said in an interview published in another Kuwaiti newspaper that the PLO wanted talks with the United States to continue, "even though so far they have proved futile."

In a separate development, Jordanian Premier Mudar Badran said in Amman today that King Hussein would visit the Libyan capital Tripoli shortly at the invitation of Libyan strongman Muammar Khaddafi.

The PLO will ask the UN General Assembly to send a fact-finding mission to the Israeli-occupied territories if the United States vetoes another Security Council resolution on the plan, a PLO official said today in Tunis.

Zakaria Abdul-Rahim, director of the organisation's political (foreign affairs) department, told Reuters a simple majority in the General Assembly, with support from UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, could prove the mission.

Abdul-Rahim said the Arabs would try again in the Security Council within a week. "If the US uses its veto, we'll try to move the project to the General Assembly," he added.

The United States expects to use its veto again to block an Arab resolution calling for a special session of the General Assembly in Geneva which PLO leader Yasser Arafat could address, a senior US official said yesterday.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, struggling to end a political crisis, inched today towards forming a hardline government repugnant to himself, Washington and most Israelis.

Former US senators John B. Anderson and Charles H. Percy yesterday blamed the hardline government of Shamir for the impasse in Middle East peace efforts.

The bail money will be returned to the newspaper.

The council of judges must investigate charges before they reach court and may accept a prosecutor's proposal, change it, or dismiss it.

The steel tube that Ashwell was hauling will remain in Patras while the Greek government considers an Iraqi demand that it be released.

Hirawi seeks Egypt's support

CAIRO, June 5. (Reuters): Lebanese President Elias Hirawi, seeking Arab backing to extend his authority over his divided and war-torn country, began a three-nation tour in Egypt today.

Hirawi, who will go on to Libya and Tunisia, is expected to ask Egypt to help assert his control over Lebanon including parts seized by Israel, Arab and Western diplomats said.

"Egypt has open channels of communication with Arab states, Israel and the superpowers and it can help put Hirawi's point of view across," said one Egyptian diplomat.

Diplomats said President Hosni Mubarak would brief Hirawi, who boycotted an Arab summit in Baghdad last week, on the outcome of the meetings there.

The leaders approved a move to set up an international reconstruction fund for Lebanon and extended the mission of an tripartite peacemaking committee by six months.

"Lebanon is pinning great hopes on Arab backing through the Arab tripartite committee, and Syria and Jordan are under support from Egypt," Lebanese Prime Minister Selim Hoss said.

Saudi Arabia's King Fahd, a member of the committee, said yesterday he expected a major breakthrough in efforts to end Lebanon's 15-year civil war but gave no details.

Hirawi was elected last November under an Arab-sponsored peace pact but has been unable to impose his authority even over Beirut, torn between inter-Christian battles in the east and Shiite Muslim duels in the Syrian-controlled Muslim west.

General Michel Aoun, fighting for control of the Christian enclave with the Christian Lebanese Forces militia, considers himself the country's sole legitimate ruler. He rejects the peace accord for failing to ensure the withdrawal of 40,000 Syrian troops.

Aoun has the loyalty of about half of the divided national army. Diplomats said Hirawi would seek Egypt's help to build up mainly Muslim brigades under his nominal control that are short of arms, ammunition and even uniforms.

Druze's buildup in Sidon

SIDON, June 5. (AP): The PLO's intelligence chief in Lebanon yesterday accused Druze warlord Walid Jumblatt of massing tanks and militiamen for an attack on the Palestinian positions near this southern port city.

Lt Col Kamal Medhat told a news conference in Sidon's Ein El Hilweh refugee camp the buildup involved "dozens of tanks and scores of multi-barreled rocket launchers and heavy machine-guns."

He said the operation has been underway for a week along the Awali river on the northern edge of Sidon, 25 miles (40 kms) south of Beirut.

"Jumblatt's tank cannons and rocket launchers are in the hills and mountains of the Kharoub region pointing in the direction of Sidon and Ein El Hilweh," Medhat said.

"We would have welcomed this buildup if Jumblatt ordered it to buttress our confrontation with the Israeli enemy, but Jumblatt's intentions are contrary to that," Medhat added.



Mourning. Father and son mourning their late leader Ayatollah Khomeini yesterday in Damanjir near Tehran as the 60-day mourning period continues. (Reuters wirephoto)

Iran adamant on edict Give us Rushdie

TEHRAN, June 5. (Reuters): Iran today demanded that author Salman Rushdie be handed over to British Muslims to be executed for blasphemy.

The call from spiritual leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, shattered hopes in the West that Iran may be prepared to rescind the death threat against the British writer.

"Salman Rushdie... must be handed over to British Muslims so that God's decree would be implemented on him," Khamenei said in a speech broadcast on Tehran radio.

Iran's late supreme leader Ayatollah Khomeini ordered Muslims in February 1989 to kill Rushdie for blaspheming Islam in his novel 'The Satanic Verses'.

Rushdie, 42, born to a Muslim Indian family, has been in hiding since Tehran broke diplomatic relations with London after the British government refused to condemn the author.

Western diplomats here said the Western media created consternation in Tehran by quoting an Iranian Foreign Ministry official as saying on Saturday that Iran may revoke Khomeini's fatwa (religious edict).

Iran insists that the official, the Director for West European Affairs Hossein Mousavian, never made such a suggestion and that he was misquoted. Khamenei's speech clarified any doubts about Tehran's 'irrevocable support' for the fatwa and crushed hopes that Britain and Iran might soon defuse the crisis, diplomats said.

"The Imam's (Khomeini's) ruling on Salman Rushdie is based on divine verses and as such is solid and irrevocable," Khamenei said.

He offered Britain 'a simple solution' to the problem — hand over Rushdie for execution.

China supports Mubarak: Chinese Defence Minister Qin Jiwei met Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak yesterday and told him his country supported his proposal for a ouster-free Middle East.

Egyptian Defence Minister Youssef Sabri Abu Taleb told reporters after a one-hour meeting between Qin and Mubarak that China backed Egypt in its call, a proposal sidestepped by Arab states during a summit last week. (Reuters)

Four sentenced to death: A Cairo criminal court yesterday sentenced four Muslim fundamentalists to death for killing a teen-ager after trying him for alleged immoral behaviour.

The fundamentalists lured the 14-year-old boy to the home of one of them, tied him with a rope and then set up a religious tribunal. They strangled him after a summary trial then buried him in a hole at a graveyard in a Cairo suburb on June 20 last year. (AP)

Sudan rejects US proposal: Sudan's military government said yesterday it rejected a US proposal to end a 7-year-old civil war that has caused hundreds of thousands of deaths in southern Sudan.

Col Mohamed Ali Amin Khalifa, member of the ruling 15-officer Junta, told the newspaper Al Iqbal Al Watani the American proposal was designed "to internationalise" the conflict unnecessarily. (AP)

Cable News to broadcast in Egypt: The US-based Cable News Network (CNN) television news service is to start broadcasting in Egypt, Information Minister Safwat Sherif said yesterday.

He said a one-million-dollar company would be formed this month, with the State Television and Radio Authority owning 60 per cent. Private Egyptian investors would have 20 per cent and the "American side" 20 per cent, Sherif added. (Reuters)

Council of judges dismisses charges against British 'supergun-driver'

PATRAS, Greece, June 5. (AP): A council of magistrates today dismissed all charges against a British driver whose truck contained a part of the alleged Iraqi supergun.

The three-member council of magistrates ruled that there was insufficient evidence to try driver Paul Ashwell on charges of importing a weapon into Greece. His truck and trailer will be returned to him.

Ashwell, from Northampton, England, was charged and detained on April 21 after British authorities told Greek customs officials that a 30-ton steel tube on his truck could be part of a giant artillery piece ordered by Iraq.

Ashwell was released on May 11 after a London newspaper, the Daily Mirror, posted bail of five million drachmas (\$32,300). He was ordered to remain in this western port city while the charges against him were investigated.



FIS rally

More than 60,000 supporters of the Islamic Salvation Front attended a rally on June 4 in a sports stadium outside Algiers. Their leader Abbaoui Madani predicted that they would win the country's first free elections held this week. (Reuters wirephoto)

Islamists predict election victory

ALGIERS, June 5. (Reuters): The leader of Algeria's powerful Muslim Fundamentalist Movement, Abbaoui Madani, predicted last night it would win three-quarters of the vote in the country's first free elections next week.

To cries of "Jihad" (holy war) Madani told more than 60,000 supporters in a sports stadium outside Algiers he feared the ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) would rig the polls.

"I congratulate the Algerian Muslim people for their victory in these elections," he said at the June 12 poll for municipal and provincial councils, the first multiparty elections since Algerian independence in 1962.

"We will have at least 75 per cent, according to our meetings with our Muslim people in all the provinces."

The rally by the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), the main opposition party contesting the elections, was the largest of the two-week campaign which officially ended yesterday.

Spectators, some of whom had travelled from as far away as Al Oued, 650 km (400 miles) to the southeast, raised their fists and chanted "Islamic Republic."

The stadium scoreboards read: "The Islamic municipality is the building block of an Islamic society."

Madani urged the army, which has taken strong position against the FIS, to join his movement and warned it not to intervene.

"If a single soldier comes out on the street against us we will all — old, young, women and children — rally to defend the banner of Islam," he said.

Several dozen people, overcome by exhaustion, fainted and received treatment by FIS doctors.

In the absence of opinion polls it is impossible to assess the true strength of the FIS but mass marches in the capital in recent weeks by the FLN and pro-democracy parties have shown widespread opposition to fundamentalism.

A rival rally at the same time hosted by FLN Secretary-General Abdelkamel Mehri drew about 1,000 supporters.

Mehri said the FLN "is anxious that these elections give the people the complete right of expression without any constraint, to choose the competent candidates."

The FLN has run a strong campaign, appealing to patriotic sentiment and reminding voters it liberated Islam in Algeria from French colonial rule during the 1954-62 war of independence.

Libya changes face

Basic freedoms restored

TRIPOLI, Libya, June 5. (UPI): Libyan leader Col. Muammar Khaddafi has released hundreds of prisoners, halted executions and unshackled the private sector in a liberalisation aimed at heading off discontent with his socialist regime.

The changes have been under way for more than 18 months. They clearly are visible on the streets of Tripoli and on the faces of its 1.2 million inhabitants. Officials, citizens and foreigners seem relaxed as basic freedoms are restored.

"Khaddafi had kept his people bottled up for such a long time that they really did need a few outlets," Andrew Lycett, co-author of a 1987 book 'Khaddafi and the Libyan Revolution', said in an interview.

"Two years ago, there was nothing in sight for the Libyan people. Unless they had an easier lifestyle, they definitely were going to get rid of Khaddafi."

Today the retail sector is flourishing. Private stores near central Green Square sell everything from electric guitars to Western newspapers. There is little variety on the normally empty shelves of state-run "people's supermarkets". But Libyans supplement diets with fruit and vegetables that farmers sell on the airport road to the capital.

One enterprising shopkeeper on Green Square hawks battery-operated model Boeing US Marine helicopters with Stars and Stripes markings.

"These are for children," he says, dismissing suggestions they evoke memories of the April 15, 1986, US bombings of Libya. The bombings were in retaliation for alleged Libyan involvement in bombing a West German disco in Berlin frequented by American servicemen.

"Normally I charge 15 dinars. But for you I will make it 12."

The friendly shopowner openly quotes the black market rate of \$1 to the Libyan dinar — three times the official rate. "This is the price to do business. The other rate is quoted in banks."

Under portraits of Khaddafi erected on Green Square, street photographers with Polaroid cameras use stuffed lions and wolves and plastic plants as props as they snap shots of provincial tourists.

Libyan television has joined in the new openness. Authorities are experimenting with commercials for Libyan Airlines. Publicity previously was banned. Television authorities also have leveraged the staple fare of Egyptian soap operas and folklore by beaming Walt Disney cartoons and quiz programmes to Libya's 3.8 million people.

When a reporter visited Libya five years ago, Khaddafi frowned on private enterprise. There were merely three restaurants open in Tripoli. The city's souk, or street market, was closed.

Now smart restaurants offer Italian and Syrian cuisine, staying open late into the night. Scores of cafes sprang up on the sand-swept sidewalks. Libya's 20-year ban on public consumption of alcohol remains in force in line with its strict adherence to Islamic theology.

But officials turn a blind eye to foreign com-

panies importing liquor to ease the boredom of employees stationed in the Saharan desert. There have been no cases reported in years of zealous revolutionaries raiding foreigners' parties.

Tripoli's souk bustles. Women in black chadors sell gold jewelry alongside teen-agers offering Western rock cassettes. A boy leads a blind beggar through the maze-like passages. Czechoslovak students videotape them.

Since Libyan borders were opened to Tunisia in 1988, when relations between the two countries improved, and to Egypt after diplomatic relations were restored, Libyans may buy foreign cars. Mercedes, BMWs and Mazdas speed along a highway network that is being extended by South Korean labourers.

Many new entrepreneurs opening businesses were among tens of thousands demobilised from the army following a ceasefire Sept 11, 1987, with Chad that ended a 15-year war. Giving free rein to private initiative is Khaddafi's way of protecting veterans from unemployment.

Libyan planners hope foreign investment will flood the country. Officials recently assessed the feasibility of a campaign to attract tourists. The sunny climate, uneroded Mediterranean beaches and Roman ruins at Sabratha and Leptis Magna are underexploited.

As recently as five years ago, the government was more concerned with exporting revolution than importing visitors.

"Tourism is a long-term goal," says a Libyan consultant for the government. "We have a couple of tourist villages around Tripoli, but those are filled with Libyans."

Libya has no external debt, but public spending is tight. The government has a 3.3 billion dollar budget for 1990 (\$3.3 billion). Oil revenues are an estimated \$7.5 billion this year.

But the government must pay for the lavish celebrations held in September to mark the 20th anniversary of Khaddafi's seizure of power.

The great man-made river, a \$24 billion operation to pump water from under the Sahara and irrigate arid areas, sucks up foreign exchange. Last year, South Korean workers employed on the project struck for overdue wages, diplomatic sources say.

Government agencies issue fewer letters of credit to foreign companies than before, when once they gave them willy-nilly. The luxury Mehri Hotel was completed by a French company for the September celebrations, but other prestige projects are on the back burner.

Nevertheless, thousands of businessmen fly to Tripoli each month from Zurich, Frankfurt and Vienna seeking contracts.

Many are Britons undeterred by the refusal of their prime minister, Margaret Thatcher, to restore relations that were broken after the 1984 shooting of a policewoman outside the Libya embassy in London. Western diplomats say about 6,000 British citizens are in Libya.

Britain wants compensation for the shooting and an end to Khaddafi's support of the IRA.

Ruling takes effect

Nullifying Cairo Parliament

CAIRO, June 5. (AP): A constitutional court ruling declaring the law under which the current Egyptian parliament was elected as null and void took effect yesterday. But there was no official word so far on the fate of the 458-member legislative body.

The verdict, issued May 19, left it to President Mubarak to decide whether to disband the People's Assembly (parliament) or simply order it to amend the election code to satisfy the court's objections.

The court however said the election code's flaws do not invalidate legislation enacted by the parliament since it was seated in 1987.

Mubarak's government argued before the court that the law does not violate individual rights, but the ruling that it did was widely expected. So was the ruling that parliament's actions are valid, because court findings in non-criminal suits cannot be retroactive.

"Since the People's Assembly elections were held... unconstitutional by the court in the present case, this ruling necessarily means that the composition of the assembly has been null since it was elected," court president Mamdouh Mustafa Hassan said.

Sheikh Hamad in Damascus

DAMASCUS, June 5. (AP): Qatar's Crown Prince and Defence Minister, Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani, arrived today for talks with President Hafez Al Assad and other officials.

"We are looking forward to deepening our co-operation with Syria in various political, economic and cultural fields," Sheikh Hamad said on arrival in Damascus.

He was greeted at the airport by Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam and other senior officials. He flew in from Cairo, where he discussed Middle East developments with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

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Kuwait-Egypt extradition treaty enforced

Amnesty commends country

THE Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs has formed a committee under the chairmanship of the assistant undersecretary for legal affairs and planning for co-ordination tasks with the Interior Ministry and elections committee to overcome any potential problem during the elections of the national council.

Speaking to a local daily, Abdul Aziz Dakheel Al Dakheel, the undersecretary at the ministry said that implementation of

the agreement has begun between Kuwait and Cairo on the extradition of prisoners. Egyptian prisoners in Kuwait jails convicted for varying charges such as issuing dud cheques, robbery, attempted murder, rape, bribery and other total 47, the official said.

He added that under the agreement, Egyptian citizens receiving jail terms for indictments by Kuwait courts can serve

their terms in Egyptian jails and Kuwait prisoners in Egypt can do their time in Kuwait.

Lauded

He said that a delegation from the World Amnesty Organisation (WAO) has of late visited the country and after attending a number of procedural court sessions expressed high commendation of Kuwait's role in protecting human rights,

combating international terrorism and co-operation with the WAO in this field.

He said that the ministry has prepared a special plan to qualify the Kuwaiti personnel to take up key positions in the judicial field, and that this required the establishment of a special institute for judicial and legal studies in Kuwait.

He pointed out that the ministry is now planning executive steps to begin implementing the project.

Controversy rages over 'margin' money

Amendment in company law requested

A NEW major problem resulting from the lack of precise legal clauses and involving tens of millions of Kuwaiti dinars is currently facing a large number of Kuwaiti money exchange companies.

In Kuwait there are two types of money exchangers, companies subjected to the supervision of the Kuwait Central Bank and establishments under the supervision of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. All money exchange companies and establishments are banned by law to carry out any banking business like accepting deposits, issuing cheques and others. But, money exchange companies are allowed by law and the regulating charter of the Central Bank to carry out forward deals in foreign currencies and precious metals.

To carry out such an investment activity on behalf of local investors, these companies are allowed to take a certain amount of money as security money locally known as "margin money".

Catastrophe

This "margin" money has become the centre of controversy between the Kuwait courts on one hand and the Kuwait Money Exchangers Union and the Central Bank and other government authorities on the other. Chairman of the Money Exchangers Union, Issa Bahman has called upon the Central Bank to prevent "a catastrophe" from damaging a large number of money exchange companies. The courts believe that accepting the so-called security or margin money to preserve the companies' rights in case of loss of trade in precious metals, is more or less like accepting a deposit which is totally banned by the law. The legal view of the judges is that as money exchange companies accept the security money from dealers and as it is like accepting deposits banned by the law, it becomes obligatory for these companies to refund the deposits or margin money to local dealers.

On its part, the Central Bank considers this amount as only "security" money needed by the company to preserve its rights in case of loss in trading.

But the problem did not remain for long confined to theoretical interpretation. Since January this year, many local investors who asked the money exchange companies to invest on their behalf in foreign currencies and precious metals and lost, have filed cases in the courts asking the companies to pay back the security money to them. Their claim is substantiated by the controversy over the interpretation whether the "margin" money is security or deposit.

Security

Issa Bahman moved quickly and raised the issue with the Governor of Central Bank, Sheikh Abdulaziz Al Salem. He sent him a letter in later January requesting him to intervene and protect the companies from a disaster. The governor quickly replied after one week and stressed that the bank considers "margin" money as security money and not a deposit. The Minister of Finance Jassem Al Khorafi also moved and wrote to the Minister of Justice Dari Al Othman requesting him to take the necessary action to close any loophole in the law concerning this explosive matter in which tens of millions of dinars are at stake.

In his letter to the chairman of the Money Exchangers Union, Sheikh Salem Abdulaziz Al Sabah affirmed that the Central Bank does not consider the amount of money paid by clients and called as "margin" money, as a banking deposit. The concept of the legal definition of the bank deposit as stated in article 329 of the commercial law does not at all apply to the "margin" accepted by the money exchange companies, stressed by governors.

He added that the bank

deposit is owned totally by the bank which can deal with its activities with the pledge to refund it to depositor, but the amount of "margin" can't be used by the recipient (the money exchange companies) in purposes other than those specified in the contract, to cover the losses of the client in the trading.

Refunds
The "margin" may not be refunded at all or at least part of it, and this is where the "margin" differs from bank deposits. Sheikh Salem said that the Central Bank has greatly emphasised on the special nature of the "security" money the companies should receive. He added that the bank has prepared a unified contract for trading in foreign currencies and precious metals and in the contract put special emphasis on the nature of the "margin" money. In his letter, Sheikh Salem expressed the Central Bank's readiness to explain the nature of the "margin" money before the courts. It called upon the companies to ask the court's request the opinion of the Central Bank in the issue.

On his part, the finance minister also requested in his letter to the minister of justice, to introduce a legal amendment to article 187 of the commercial companies law in a bid to differentiate between the concept of bank deposits and the margin being taken by the companies.

The minister of finance said that a number of court verdicts have been issued in favour of clients and have declared the contracts for trading in foreign currencies and precious metals against taking the amount of margin as void and illegal. This resulted in ordering the companies to pay back the whole amount of "margin" money to dealers who lost in the trade. Khorrifi wanted that a clear distinction in the law should be made between bank deposits and the security (margin) money being taken by the exchange companies.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Housing meeting

KUWAIT, June 5, (Kuna): Secretary of the Higher Housing Council Dr Ibrahim Majid Al Shabih today said that the council will hold a meeting under chairmanship of HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah tomorrow.

He told Kuna that the council will look into issues on its agenda including proposals to establish other channels to support the public housing authority's bid to provide housing for citizens by means of shortening their waiting period.

The council is to complete discussing a report tabled by the committee on drawing policies and plans on determining areas of housing units to be allocated by the authority in the fourth five-year development plan 1990-91 to 1994-95, Shabih went on.

The council is to discuss the two studies presented by the Kuwait Municipality at the council's request first on unused land lots inside Kuwait City and possibility of benefiting from them within the authority's plan, he said.

The secretary said that another issue would be discussing a possible increase in population density in old model residential quarters, along with other issues.

Telex services

KUWAIT, June 5, (Kuna): Telex services are available with more than 150 world countries and plans are under way to expand the services to other states, said a marketing source in the Ministry of Communications here yesterday.

Aware of the indispensable service for businessmen, the sources said the ministry had recently reduced telex charges, explaining that annual subscription for a regular machine was reduced from KD430 to KD165, for a machine with screen from the previous KD 600 to KD250 and rates for a bilingual machine with screen were cut to KD300 from the previous KD700.

Surely for a Kuwaiti subscriber to the service is KD400 while non-Kuwaiti subscribers are to deposit a cash bond of KD2,000 to benefit from telex services, he indicated.

The surety is payable in cash or against a bank guarantee valid for two years, the source concluded.

Qatar crown prince

CAIRO, June 5, (Kuna): The Crown Prince and Defence Minister of Qatar Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani yesterday stressed the need for bringing an end to the state of no peace and no war between Iraq and Iran, accusing foreign powers, he did not name, of prolonging the state of instability in the region.

Speaking at a news conference here today, Sheikh Hamad said Qatar was keen on boosting Arab national security and exerting every possible effort for settling conflicts in the Arab region.

Asked on the possibility of unity among the Gulf countries, Sheikh Hamad said unity was the hope of Gulf peoples, saying that goal could be realized in the future. He did not elaborate.

Labour week

THE director of the Foreign Relations Department at the Social Affairs and Labour Ministry Waheed Naser Al Areefi, and his deputy Salah Abdullah Al Huwail, will represent Kuwait at the Gulf joint committee for preparation and co-ordination for the 4th Arab Gulf Labour Week which will be held in the Iraqi capital in May next year.

The secretary general of the GCC Council of Social Affairs and Labour follow-up bureau Kameel Saleh Al Saleh told a local daily that the first labour week, celebrated in the UAE in 1985, was the first event at which all labour trends and activities in the Gulf were embodied, the second held in Bahrain in 1987, was another success.

He said that there will be a comprehensive evaluation carried out by participants in the week through forms especially prepared for this purpose to be circulated among and then the results and analysis will be undertaken by the follow-up bureau.



Anti-smoking symposium

Dr Hussain Al Moman, secretary of the Kuwait anti-smoking and cancer control society, delivered a lecture at a symposium held in the Youth centre in Daiya marking the international Smoking Control Day during which he urged all smokers, especially youths, to break the habit. He stressed the different hazards to human health caused by smoking.

Dr Momen also highlighted effective ways to give up the smoking habit. Attending the symposium was the assistant undersecretary for youth affairs at the Social Affairs and Labour Ministry.



Settle price-hike grievances call

Co-ops portfolio \$1bn annually

AL SEYASSAH recently organised a seminar on the co-operative movement in the country which was opened by the deputy editor-in-chief of the daily, Sulaiman Al Jarallah.

Speaking on the occasion, Jarallah referred to the complaints of citizens on the frequent price increases of consumer goods at the co-operative societies and commented: "The customer is always right" and called on officials to follow-up these complaints by using the media to publish these grievances which could be used as a bridge between citizens and officials for working out amicable settlements.

Jarallah said that the government had extended numerous facilities to citizens and the co-operative societies should emulate the state's example.

Speaking on the Kuwaitisation process at the co-operative societies, he said that the issue falls within the national duties, but the salary scale at co-operatives is insufficient to induce Kuwaitis to join.

Also speaking on the occasion, the director of co-operation at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, Mohammed Al Kandari said that the co-operative department was set up at the Business Studies College initially on the recommendation of the Co-operative Societies Union with the objective of providing co-ops with graduates of this department. Unfortunately, he said the majority had joined the co-operation department at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour who in fact did not need all these graduates. They were recruited on the recommendations of the government based on a feeling of patriotism.

Salaries

He disclosed that in principle the union had agreed to give a salary of KD640 to married graduates and KD575 to bachelors.

Meanwhile, the chairman of Co-operative Societies Union, Saad Al Sawaraj said that the salaries referred to by Kandari had been suggested by the ministry, but the union has recommended a salary of KD468 for married graduates and KD380 for bachelors. He added that the ministry had suggested the

application of the salary scale as prevalent at the co-operation department, but this suggestion was turned down by the union.

Sawaraj said that there are about 8,121 employees of whom only six per cent are Kuwaitis employed as managers or deputy managers — though the other leading posts are now being Kuwaitised.

Dr Jassim Al Omer, the assistant dean for academic and training affairs at the Business Studies College, also speaking at the seminar talked about the co-operation department of the college which is affiliated to the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET).

He said that study was undertaken in 1980 to set up the co-operation department at the college and a committee was formed to pursue this issue. The committee represented members of the government, in addition to eight representatives from the co-operative sector, five from the university, six from the co-operative sector, five from the university, six from the technical institutes, four from technical and vocational education and five from the training staff at the Business Studies College.

Personnel

On June 30, 1981, the committee submitted its report, recommending that there was an imperative need for providing the co-operative sector with qualified personnel and had estimated actual needs at 105 graduates to cover annual needs of 20 co-ops. This was the estimation at that time, compared to 40 co-ops at present and is expected to reach up to 70 co-ops during the new five-year plan.

Unfortunately, he said that the co-operative societies did not take due cognisance of the suggestions even though their portfolio is estimated to be \$1 billion annually.

He pointed out that a study conducted by the Business Institute in 1985 confirmed that Kuwaiti graduates found it difficult to obtain jobs at co-ops and hinted that the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour and the Co-operative Societies Union should be held res-

ponsible.

Statistically, he said that the study disclosed that 53 per cent of officials attributed exclusion of Kuwaitis to low salaries, 51 per cent to two-work shifts, 26 per cent officials preference not to employ Kuwaitis, 41 per cent expressing a desire to appoint Kuwaiti females.

Meanwhile, the lecturer said that in 1989, the college had decided to suspend the admission process as it was observed that the majority of the department's graduates had joined the Ministry of Health, Social Affairs and Labour and Interior, but not the co-operative societies. He said that it was discovered that 80 per cent of graduates were not working in their field of specialisation.

Omer concluded by stressing the importance of co-operation between the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour and Co-operative Societies Union to find solutions for recruiting of the co-operative department graduates in the co-operative sector.

Meanwhile, one graduate currently working at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, Adel Al Ansari told the seminar that upon his graduation from the college he was offered KD200 per month only by a co-operative society, who recommended that he apply to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the Kuwait Union of Co-operative Consumer Societies, Saad Abad Swaraj told a local daily that if the union decides on purchasing a certain commodity that does not mean that the co-ops are supposed to buy and supply the same commodity to consumers.

He said that any co-op is free to buy the commodity of its choice based on its exclusive purchase quality. However, if the co-op chooses to buy this commodity, it must honour the conventional commitment to the price allied to this commodity.

He pointed out that if a co-op managed to obtain a lower price for the same commodity, the union requests to know of the new supplier to arrange for pegging the price of this commodity with local agents.

King Fahd expects breakthrough in Lebanon

NICOSIA, June 5, (Reuters): Saudi Arabian King Fahd said yesterday he expected a major breakthrough in efforts to resolve the civil war in Lebanon, the Saudi Press Agency SPA reported.

"The positive responses from Lebanese officials on the outcome of (the Arab) summit in Baghdad inspire great hopes that a major breakthrough will occur on the Lebanese arena," SPA quoted King Fahd as saying after chairing a cabinet session.

He gave no further details. SPA, monitored in Nicosia, said the meeting discussed the 'positive' results of the Baghdad Summit that ended last Wednesday and blamed the United States for its support of Israel.

King Fahd, a member of an Arab League tripartite panel on Lebanon, secured agreement by Arab leaders to extend the mission of the committee by a further six months.

The meeting, boycotted by Lebanese President Elias Hrawi, also approved a Saudi call for setting up an international fund to reconstruct Lebanon, devastated by 15 years of civil war.

SPA quoted Saudi Information Minister Ali Al Shaer as saying that King Fahd also said the panel, which includes Morocco and Algeria, would continue its efforts to implement an Arab peace plan ratified by Lebanese parliamentarians in the Saudi city of Taif last October.

The plan calls for a greater say for the Muslim majority in the Christian-dominated political system.

But it was rejected by Christian army general Michel Aoun because it did not provide for a speedy withdrawal of Syria's estimated 40,000 troops from Lebanon.



Science Club visit

A visiting delegation from Sultan Qaboos University in Oman paid a visit to the Kuwait Science Club and was received by the deputy director of public relations Hussain Mulla Ahmed who explained the activities of the club.

State to plug legal loopholes

By Salyed Othman

KHALID Al Mudaf, assistant undersecretary for legal and planning affairs at the Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs, has said the ministry follows up the enforcement of existing legislations in the country on a regular basis, in a bid to locate potential loopholes, shortages or inadequacies.

He told a local daily that the ministry is co-ordinating with a number of ministries and government agencies in discussing the current rental law and other law of economic relevance, in the light of experience drawn from the enforcement of these laws over the past years.

He said that the intention is to determine the areas of shortages as the government goes ahead towards the revitalisation of national economy.

He said that the ministry is currently involved in a study of the existing penal code, and procedural actions to determine existing loopholes and find effective solutions.

Institute
He added that the committee formed for studying the possibility and feasibility of establishing the proposed Judicial Studies Institute, wound up its activities and submitted a report to the Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs who has referred it for comments to the Supreme Judicial Council and the approval was given.

He said that the proposed institute will undertake the preparation of qualified Kuwaiti personnel to shoulder the judicial responsibilities based on a special judicial training system that takes into account time-honoured Kuwaiti traditions and social conventions.

Incentives

He pointed out that the relevant authorities at the ministry are currently engaged in a study for the establishment of a summary court in the governorate of Farwania, which is meant to meet the needs of the on going process of urban expansion there, adding that this would help decentralise the judicial process.

He said that senior officials at the ministry are fully concerned over the need to improve the situation of occupants of assistant position in the judicial systems, adding that incentive and allowances will be allocated as part of the ministry efforts to sort out existing problems.

He added that the ministry recently made a number of promotions by merit and endorsed special payments to employees with outstanding performance.

French official concludes visit to Muscat

MUSCAT, June 5, (Kuna): French Foreign Trade Minister Jean Marie Rausch today returned home concluding a two-day official visit to Oman.

Rausch in a pre-departure statement for Omani News Agency, described his visit as successful and said it was an opportunity to acquaint himself with Omani economic policy and where and how to establish investment projects in the Sultanate.

The French minister further said that he met with members of Omani Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Omani businessmen, with whom he discussed the increase of the trade exchange volume, particularly in oilfields.

Solution hope

TAIF, June 5, (Kuna): Omani Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Yousef Bin Alawi has expressed hope that the US would deal with the Palestinian issue from its human aspect.

"We know that the US is exerting all effort to find a just solution but we hope that it would look at the Palestinian crisis from its human aspects," said Alawi.

He stressed that sending a UN Security Council fact-finding mission to the occupied territories is a humanitarian issue to examine the Palestinian human right.

Journalists

Economy grows

Bahrain budget deficit narrows

BAHRAIN, June 5, (Reuters): Bahrain's budget deficit narrowed by 31.7 per cent to 58 million dinars (\$154 million) in 1989 on higher oil revenues during the year, official figures showed.

The Bahrain Monetary Agency (BMA) said in its annual report government revenues climbed 9.1 per cent to 438 million dinars (\$1.165 billion) while expenditure rose 2.9 per cent to 496 million dinars (\$1.319 billion).

The 1988 deficit was \$4.9 million dinars (\$225 million) nearly 17 times greater than the previous year.

Economists say firmer crude prices and increased business confidence in the wake of a 1988 ceasefire in the eight-year war between Iran and Iraq is fuelling an upturn in the oil-dependent economies of Bahrain and other Gulf states.

The BMA did not give growth figures. Statistics compiled by Gulf International Bank in January predicted Bahrain's gross domestic product would grow by 2.5 per cent during 1989 compared with two per cent in 1988.

Bahrain's trade deficit widened by 42 per cent to 97.2 million dinars (\$253 million) in 1989 despite higher income from oil exports, the BMA said.

This was fuelled by a 13 per cent jump in non-oil imports — mainly machinery, manufactured goods, and chemicals — to 653.3 million dinars (\$1.74 billion) during the year.

"It is not surprising the trade deficit is bigger — people are importing, consuming and investing more," one Gulf-based economist said.

Bahrain's inflation rate rose 1.5 per cent during 1989, reversing four successive years of declines, the BMA said.

The island's oil trade surplus jumped 15.5 per cent to 333.8 million dinars (\$888 million) in 1989.

Bahrain buys most of the crude for its 250,000 barrel per day refinery from Saudi Arabia. Its own reserves are expected to run out by the turn of the century unless new oil is discovered offshore during current exploration.

Non-oil exports edged up 1.7 per cent to 222.3 million dinars (\$591 million) in 1989.

The BMA said Bahrain's balance of payments narrowed by 16.5 per cent to 150.7 million dinars (\$401 million). It did not give a complete breakdown of accounts.

World Bank approves loans to Third World

WASHINGTON, June 5, (UPI): The World Bank announced Monday a total of \$440.6 million in loans to Algeria, Indonesia, Tanzania and other developing countries.

Public enterprises in Algeria will gain greater access to technical and financial resources through an industrial restructuring project that is being supported by the World Bank with five loans totalling \$99.5 million.

In addition, a \$50 million loan will be made to Guinea, the West African nation that is seeking to put into effect a programme designed to make it easier for entrepreneurs to set up businesses and to enable the private sector to play a more important role in the economy, through the International Development Association, the bank's concessional lending affiliate.

The multilateral organisation said that Indonesia is launching a project to promote domestic use of low-value natural gas as a substitute for high-value oil products with the help of a World Bank loan of \$86 million.

KD market active

KUWAIT, June 5, (Reuters): The Kuwaiti dinar interbank deposit market was very active today, particularly in short dated and one month deposits, dealers said.

Overnight and tomorrow/next was later being quoted around 8-1/4 to 8-1/2 per cent. One month dealt at 8-9/16, but other fixed rates were quieter. Rates were slightly softer, said one dealer, as the Central Bank had been buying and selling on Monday, and the market had moved with their rates. Three months was quoted at 8-1/4 to 8-1/2, six months at 8-3/4 to 8-1/2, and twelve months at 8-13/16 to 8-9/16. The Central Bank fixed the dinar at 0.29195/205 to the dollar.

Joint development zone proposed

Golden triangle of tourism emerges

KUALA LUMPUR, June 5, (Kuna): Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad sees a golden triangle of tourism emerging from the proposed joint development zone between Johor of Malaysian southern state, Singapore and Indonesia's Batam island.

He said promoting tourism in this area was one of the issues discussed in his 90-minute meeting with Indonesian President Suharto here today.

Dr Mahathir and President Suharto had a "four-eye" meeting which was followed by an hour-long delegation meeting between both sides. President

Suharto was here to attend the G-15 summit which ended yesterday.

The prime minister said they agreed that the golden triangle concept would facilitate growth in all three countries particularly in tourism.

"We can benefit from the prosperity and spending power of Singapore and the spillover effect of its tourism industry," he told a news conference later.

Singapore, he added, would also benefit from this because tourism statistics showed that most tourists did not only visit Singapore but had also planned visits to neighbouring countries.

Singapore first Deputy Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong proposed in January the golden triangle, concept to develop the area into an economic zone in 1990s.

He said Batam, which is located 20 km from Singapore, and Johor could provide land, gas, water and labour for industries while Singapore would provide management expertise.

Dr Mahathir said he and President Suharto also discussed Indonesia's plan to supply water to Singapore from Batam island, adding that this would not affect Johor's normal supply of

water to Singapore.

The prime minister also said Malaysia would help promote visit Indonesia year tourism programmes next year by encouraging more visits to the republic.

For this, he said, Malaysia felt there should be more flights between Kuala Lumpur and Jakarta.

"Malaysia will help them in their programmes and they also will do likewise for visit Malaysia year 1990," he said. Malaysia and Indonesia signed a memorandum of understanding in

February to promote joint tourism.

Issues discussed today include international and bilateral matters such as South-South co-operation and delineation line between the two nations in Kalimantan and the Straits of Malacca.

He said Indonesia and Malaysia, who are both exporters of natural resources such as cocoa, palm oil and petroleum, had also agreed to exchange information on marketing strategies for such commodities.

To a question, Dr Mahathir denied that Malaysia and Indonesia, although

competitors, were undercutting each other on palm oil export sales.

"The market is very big but what is important is that we do not compete to the point of doing damage to ourselves," he said.

The premier said the edible oils market was targeted to be around 90 million tonnes by the year 2000 and Indonesia might overtake Malaysia as a major palm oil exporter by then.

He added currently the price of Indonesia's palm oil was low because it was mainly for domestic consumption and not for export.

Al Khalid for Riyadh

Plan to set up centre for commercial arbitration

KUWAIT, June 5, (Agencies): Minister of Commerce and Industry Faisal Al Khalid today left here for Riyadh to take part in the 15th session of trade co-operation committee of the Gulf Co-operation Council and another meeting of the Gulf Authority for Specification and Measurements due there on June 5 and 6.

Al Khalid told Kuza in a departure statement that the committee will continue consultations on allowing citizens of the six member states to exercise commission trading in addition to allowing institutions and production units in member states to open representative offices.

The ministers will also tackle authorising national airline companies to direct sales in the council states, Al Khalid added.

Al Khalid said that the agenda of the meeting will also include discussion of establishing a Bahrain-based centre for Commercial Arbitration.

The secretary has also prepared a memorandum regarding Pakistan's request to



Al Khalid

appoint a local agent in any member states for marketing its rice production. Al Khalid said noting this should comply to each member state's regulations.

He said the ministers of Saudi Arabia, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Bahrain,

beside himself will also review a proposal by the secretariat to establish a committee for development of auditing systems in the council's member states.

Kuwait, the only GCC state to join the General Agreement for Trade and Tariffs (GATT), will submit a study on the importance of being a member in such organisation, Al Khalid said.

He added that he will brief the committee on the outcome of the sixth meeting between the GCC chambers of commerce and the secretariat general as well as the minutes of the eighth meeting of the ministerial committee of the GCC Bureau for Boycott of Israel.

On the meeting of the Gulf Authority for Specification and Measurements, Al Khalid said GCC Secretary-General Abdulla Yacoub Bishara's report on the authority's accomplishments during the past period and its future plans will be reviewed in addition to other issues including the authority's budget for the year 1990-91.

Al Khalid is leading a ranking delegation including the

ministry's assistant under-secretary for trade affairs Rashid Al Mijren.

Meanwhile, Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) officials will hold a new round of talks later this month with the European Economic Community (EEC) to press for a free trade pact with their main trading partner, a senior GCC official said.

The Saudi Press Agency SPA quoted GCC assistant secretary-general for economic affairs Abdullah Al Quweiz as saying on Monday night that the meeting would be held on June 25 as proposed by the EEC.

He made no mention of the venue or at what level the negotiations would be conducted.

The decision to start the new round of negotiations came after a joint meeting between the GCC foreign and finance ministers on Sunday.

Al Quweiz said the joint meeting discussed how to reach a free trade pact with the 12-member EEC.

Bahrain sells hotel shares to public

BAHRAIN, June 5, (Reuters): The Bahrain government has sold most of its stake in a local hotel company, paving the way for more state share flotations, stock brokers said today.

The brokers said more than 85 per cent of shares worth 6.48 million dinars (\$17.2 million) in the Bahrain hotels company had been sold to investors from Bahrain and other Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) countries.

"Many new investors have come to the market, from all over the Gulf," one of the brokers said.

Under stock exchange rules, nationals of GCC states Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates may hold up to 25 per cent of the shares in any Bahraini firm.

Brokers said the shares were being sold at their book value of 1.8 dinars (\$4.8) to draw small investors. They were 2.120 dinars (\$5.6) when the sale began on May 23.

A public offering of 25 million shares in Bahrain-based Arab Banking Corporation also began in May but the lead managers said most of \$350 million issue would be privately placed.

Those shares are being sold to the public by local banks. Mohammed Buzizi, general manager of the Bahrain Hotels Company which owns and operates the island's Gulf hotel, said the sale would continue until the government had sold its entire 42 per cent stake.

Bahrain-based carrier Gulf Air holds 41 per cent of the shares and Bahrain investors the remaining 17 per cent.

The brokers said the offering was the first of about 10 planned government share flotations. No other names have been announced but officials said last year the government would start selling stakes in hotel firms and light industries such as the Bahrain aluminium extrusion company, which makes window and door frames.

Bahrain hotels company made a profit of 1.5 million dinars (\$4 million) in 1989 and distributed a one million dinar (\$2.6 million) dividend to shareholders.

Record earnings

JOHANNESBURG, June 5, (UPI): The giant Anglo American Corp. mining conglomerate, the world's biggest gold producer, declared annual attributable earnings Monday for the sixth successive year.

Earnings for the financial year ended March 31, 1990, increased from 1,254 million rand (\$469 million), or 54 cents (\$2.02) per share, to 1,507 million rand (\$564 million), or 6.51 cents (\$2.43). In terms of earnings per share, Anglo posted an increase of 17.8 per cent to 13.52 rand (\$5.06) from 11.48 (\$4.29).

The company performed well in spite of a slump in the gold industry and industry unrest. Anglo chairman Julian Ogilvie Thompson said. Labour disputes "are in nobody's interest," he told reporters.

US-Soviet deals nearing completion

Gorbachev captivates industry leaders

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5, (UPI): While Mikhail Gorbachev pitched the economic potential of the Soviet Union to 250 of America's top business leaders, others described a few US-Soviet deals nearing completion.

Before Gorbachev began his speech Monday at the Fairmont Hotel, executives from Chevron Oil Co. and IBM and international golf course architect Robert Trent Jones Jr discussed their ventures.

Jones said he received a \$400,000 to design the first golf course in the Soviet Union. The Nhabino course, which is near Moscow, is due to open this fall or in the spring of 1991. Jones said he has been working on the project since 1974.

Chevron announced last weekend that it signed a letter of intent to develop a major oilfield near the Caspian Sea. The field has estimated reserves of 25 billion barrels of oil, according to J. Dennis Bonney, Chevron vice chairman.

IBM and the USSR committee for education and information announced last week that the high-tech giant will supply more than 13,000 computers for

use in Soviet schools beginning next fall.

Gorbachev warned industry leaders of missing out on Soviet investment opportunities.

"We are watching those who risk something to cooperate now and those who stand on the sidelines. Those who stand on the sidelines will stand there in years to come. That is only fair," Gorbachev said.

Gorbachev suggested that even if his own leadership is seen as shaky, the market reforms sweeping his country are inevitable.

John Sculley, chairman and president of Apple computer, predicted that many business leaders will heed Gorbachev's pitch.

"Apple has been involved in the Soviet Union for several years ... we are very interested in some projects there," Sculley said.

Roger Baccigaluppi, president of Blue Diamond growers, the seventh-largest exporters to the Soviet Union, said in the short-term the Soviets must find a way to solve the monetary exchange problem and establish a value for the rouble.

US productivity plunges

Worst performance

WASHINGTON, June 5, (AP): US workers' productivity plunged 2.7 per cent in the first three months of the year for the worst performance since 1981, the government said yesterday.

The drop in non-farm productivity — defined as output per hour of work — was the poorest showing since productivity fell 5.5 per cent in the fourth quarter of 1981, the Labour Department said.

Monday's report, which provided revised figures on the first quarter of 1990, showed the nation's lagging productivity was far worse than earlier reported. Original data showed productivity falling one per cent.

Meanwhile, unit labour costs, a key gauge of future price inflation, sped up 7 per cent for the January-March figure, compared with a 4.5 per cent increase during all of 1989. Original data had unit labour costs rising 4.9 per cent so far this year.

Hourly labour costs — a major inflation measure for businesses — rose at an annual rate of 4.1 per

cent in the first quarter of 1990. Those costs increased by 5.5 per cent for all of 1989.

The report provided one bit of good news — productivity in the manufacturing sector climbed 4.9 per cent so far this year, a huge improvement over the two per cent increase during all of 1989. Unit labour costs in that sector dropped 1.3 per cent, compared with the 2.2 per cent increase during all of last year.

Total business productivity, including farming, fell at 2.1 per cent for the first quarter compared with 1.1 per cent gain for all of 1989.

Since 1982, productivity growth has averaged 1.8 per cent a year. While a slight improvement over the 1.2 per cent average growth rate in the 1970s, it was still far below the 3.3 per cent rate of increase posted in the two decades following World War II. US workers enjoyed healthy wage gains and a rising standard of living during those decades.

Panama banks try to recover from financial crisis

PANAMA CITY, June 5, (UPI): Crippled by three years of political unrest and massive capital flight, Panama is struggling to regain its stature as a world banking centre.

Many bankers and observers claim Panama's banking system is already on the mend and say the instability that caused billions of dollars to flee the country ended when invading US forces ousted dictator Manuel Noriega last December.

But critics say the recovery will take years. They say there is a lingering lack of confidence in Panama's banks because political and economic troubles plague the new government of President Guillermo Endara.

"It is almost impossible to predict (recovery time) because so much damage has been done to the banking system," said Guillermo Cochez, mayor of Panama City.

Panama developed into a prominent world or "off-shore" banking centre in the 1970s when the government passed sweeping bank secrecy laws.

Foreign depositors were also attracted

by Panama's permissive corporate secrecy and tax laws and its use of the US dollar in place of a national currency.

Panamanian banks as well as local subsidiaries of US banks made loans to Latin America, while many Latin Americans transferred money to Panama to protect it from taxes and currency devaluations at home.

Glass bank towers rose to dominate the Panama City skyline as the number of banks grew from 12 in 1968 to 117 by the mid-1980s. Total deposits reached \$33 billion in 1986, putting Panama in league with such off-shore banking countries as the Bahamas, Luxembourg and the Cayman Islands.

The banking industry provided 9,000 jobs and pumped \$200 million annually into the local economy, said Edgardo Lasso, president of the Panamanian Bankers Association.

But the boom turned to bust in 1987 when the US government moved against Noriega. When it imposed economic sanctions against Panama in 1988, bankers panicked and billions of dollars were trans-

ferred out of the country. Deposits fell by more than two-thirds to about \$10 billion.

The Noriega regime closed all banks for nine weeks in 1988 to prevent further capital flight and froze local accounts. More than 1,000 bank employees were laid off and rumours abounded that Panama would issue its own currency.

"It was a very negative atmosphere," Lasso said.

But five months after the invasion, analysts see some good signs for Panama's banks.

Relations with the US government are again friendly and economic sanctions have been lifted. Total deposits have increased by \$750 million, according to the National Banking Commission, which regulates the industry.

In April, local savings accounts were unfrozen. Most Panamanians kept their money in the bank, sending an important signal to foreigners that the banking system is stabilizing, said Jose Antonio de Gracia, an analyst for the commission.

Since bank secrecy laws remain largely unchanged, Panama will continue to

attract foreign money, Lasso said.

For the same reason, however, Panama remains fertile ground for money laundering, said Jose Torres, an economics professor at the University of Panama.

Under Noriega — who awaits trial on drug trafficking and money laundering charges in Miami — Panama's banks became known as a hub for laundering drug profits.

"Panama is ideal for this type of activity," Torres said.

But many observers say the Endara government is committed to stopping money laundering and predict the practice will dry up, although the only specific change in bank secrecy laws is a provision requiring that cash deposits of more than \$10,000 be registered with the banking commission.

"Under a corrupt government, it was much easier to do illegal business because you had the approval of authorities," said the banking commission's De Gracia. "Now we have a democratic government that is disposed to combat fraudulent activity."

Tokyo shares

Nikkei stock average: 32921.62

(-3.75)

Volume: 600 mil shs

Yen exchange rate: 152.43

Name of stock

Advantest Corp

Ajinomoto

Alps Electric

Amada

Asahi Chem Ind

Asahi Glass

C. Itoh Co.

Canon Inc.

Casio Comp

Dai Nippon Printing

Daiichi Sankyo

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Daiichi Chem

Furukawa

Fujitsu Ltd.

Hisachi Chem

Hisachi Koki

Hisachi Ltd.

Hisachi Metal

Honda Motor

Hitachi Ltd.

Kajima Corp

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Slimy charmer

By Fathima Ahmed
Arab Times staff

FROM *Bobby* to *Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak*, romance has been kept alive on celluloid. *Maine Pyar Kiya* was loved by young and old cinegoers. Other films like *Love, Love, Love* bombed.

The tragedy of romance in *Ek Dujhe Ke Liye*, that classic movie with Rati Agnihotri and Kamal Hassan, is a bitter-sweet memory. *Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak* had shades of this movie, perhaps one reason why it clicked.

Bobby — fresh, breezy and youthful — by the master craftsman Raj Kumar retains its allure over two decades later.

Tahir Hussain's *Tum Mere Ho* does not have that haunting quality. Set in the hills, its story is also as old as the hills — with minor variations, of course, exploiting the rich girl-poor boy conflict in the Romeo and Juliet style.

Missing is spontaneous, tender romance. It's mechanical like the age we live in — and made to order, romancing the snake. Yet, it works for a better part, thanks to the friendship between Shiva and his slithering companions. They creep up when least expected. They also act as go-betweens igniting the spark in the heart of the lovers. A Nagin is the avenger — the villain of the piece.

The scintillating beat of snake-charmers music bind *Paro Shiva*. It also sustains your interest. *Paro* and *Shiva* may not join the ranks of *Heer-Ranjha* or *Laila-Majnu* but one moment lingers: *Paro's* despair in one sequece.

Aamir Khan plays the little-boy-lost-to-the-woods act to the

hilt with the aid of his boyish looks. Juhi Chawla as *Paro* fits the bill. Ajit Vachani as *Paro's* tyrant father makes an impression.

Avoid it if you can't stomach reptilian antics. Slimy "friendly snakes" can persuade you to climb a tree like *Paro* does in *Tum Mere Ho*.

Shera Shamshera

If one could, one must outlaw the likes of *Shera* and *Shamshera*. Dacoit tales are passe. Their heroics stale; and their stories insipid. *Shera* (Kabir Bedi) *Shamshera* (Raj Babbar) deserve to be buried in the Chambal Valley, where their name spells terror (the avenging Nagin of *Tum Mere Ho* looks diabolic) and their gut-spilling and cold-blooded murders forgotten for ever.

Some sequences in the film deserve inclusion in *That's Incredible* — like the sequence when a petite Farha hides the hefty Kabir Bedi under her blanket — standing! Perhaps, *Believe It Or Not* would be a better show.

The patchwork theme is lifted from various sources, including the epic *Mahabharata*. It seems like someone watched several movies overnight and in the morning, the disjointed script was born. They filmed it in a hurry with Bedi and Babbar running helter skelter.

Wooden faced Kabir Bedi, Raj Babbar and Farha sleepwalk through the movie like zombies. In comparison, the giggly bloopers of KTV's Weekend presenters seem entertaining. The above movies are by courtesy of *Adhuri Video*, *Main St*, *Farwaniya* and *Canary Video*, Fisheries Bldg, Sharq.



Aamir Khan and Juhi Chawla: snake charmers

Rock band

A hobby they'd never give up

By Manal Elsheikh
Arab Times staff

SEVENTH SKY have teamed up with High Spirits to make their performance an experience rock fans will never forget. Tonight's Summer Rock Concert '90 promises to be more fulfilling than the group's last concert "Like a Hurricane".

Unlike their previous shows, Seventh Sky will only sing rock. They will perform songs of Guns and Roses, Metallica, Joan Jett and Iro Maiden. Light music will be played by High Spirits, who will perform hits by Dire Straits, Pointer Sisters and others.

The show has been organised by Phil Thomas, the leader and drummer of High Spirits. The group's other members are June Woolston, a talented-trained vocalist and 17-year-old Akram Sultan on guitar. Murtaza Shamim of Seventh Sky will also join in the vocals.

The members of Seventh Sky are Murtaza Shamim, bass guitar and vocalist, Raza Shamim, on drums and vocals, Ammar Al Balbinni, lead guitar and vocals, Qariba Louis, the lead vocalist and guest musicians Alex Heynes on bass and Akram Sultan on guitar.

Seventh Sky was formed some years ago, after Murtaza and Reza graduated from the Indian School.

Murtaza, saw Ammar Al Balbinni in Jukebox 4. He liked what he saw and together, with Ammar, his brother, Raza and two other singers, Adeeb Derhalli and Linley Lewis, and Aslam Al Balbinni on keyboards, a band was formed.

The band enjoys singing heavy metal the most, especially Iron Maiden and Metallica. In fact, the former is their main influence.

Groups of the 80's, like Saxon Dio, Whitesnake, and Def Leppard are their favourites. "Old rock can be considered classic, meaning that the songs cannot be forgotten but the newer groups are more interesting," Murtaza said.

They also enjoy lighter music. Murtaza likes Neneh Cherry's "Manchild" and many of Lisa Lunsfield's songs.

Seventh Sky held their first concert in Al Andalus Cinema on February 19, 1988. The one night show was a great success. It was a full house and after the initial stage fright the band performed beautifully.

"Rock the Night", followed in November 1988,

and the band were more fluent in music. A new keyboard player, Riyad Kabandi, joined Seventh Sky and they won a fine reputation.

Early this year, the band held "Like a Hurricane", a show they wish they could eliminate.

Says Murtaza "We got a mixed reaction because most, if not all, the audience were hard rock fans and like in our previous shows, we performed some lighter music (Madonna and rock o'roll hits) as well as hard rock. This was heavily criticised. Another reason was probably due to the promotion of anti-smoking. I heard people mutter "An anti-smoking rock show? Give me a break!"

At the Seventh Sky learnt a lesson they do not intend to forget. In their coming shows, including Summer Rock Concert '90, they will only perform heavy metal with a little rock.

Music and performing started off as hobbies as they have full time jobs. Murtaza works in a real estate office, Raza in a money exchange firm and Ammar is a sound engineer in Al Nazzer Studios.

Getting together to rehearse is a painful process as each member of the band has an individual lifestyle. Ammar, for instance, sometimes works up to 15 hours a day. This naturally, affects daily activities often taken for granted, like sleeping habits and they often find themselves practising alone.

Performing is not all fun and games, in fact, far from it. Practising and working, means that they often kiss their weekends goodbye. "It gets really tiring towards the day of the show. You get really burned out. It spoils your mood, every one is tense and quarrels start easily. You get worked up but never cancel a show."

They take time off to unwind, ideally relaxing on the soft sandy seashores.

The band members admit shortcomings like "bum notes" and "offkey singing", but "this happens in many professional shows too," Murtaza said.

And despite a few hiccoughs like misplacing words of a song and delayed entry, during a concert, the band keeps up the beat.

Their audience, which is 60 per cent Arab, however confuses them. "Some say we are the best; other's say there's room for improvement," said Murtaza. For them, entertaining has become a hobby they'd rather not give up.

Tonight is the last performance of Summer Rock Concert '90 at the Universal American School. Tickets are still available.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.30 Holy Quran
9.40 News Summary
9.45 Cartoon Serial
10.10 Good Morning
10.15 Magazine D'Actualite (repeat)
10.30 Al Sidd Fi Al Hawa: Arabic serial
11.15 Songs and Music
11.30 Suvinaan: Bedouin serial; last episode. Starring: Adel Afanah, Wafa Mosili, Abdul Rahman Al Rashi
12.30 News Summary
12.35 Holy Quran/Closedown

Evening

4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 World News via Satellite
4.30 Sally: cartoon serial
5.00 Cartoons
6.00 Sane'a Al Sayoof: Arabic serial; ep.3
7.00 Songs
7.15 Folklore

7.50 Islamic antiques in Yemen
8.30 Good Evening
9.00 News in Arabic
9.45 Al Rajul Wal Qataar: Arabic serial
10.45 Ashiq Al Hayat: Arabic feature film. Starring: Nadiya Lutfi, Moharram Fuad, Yusuf Wabbi, Mahmood Al Miliji
12.20 News Summary
12.25 World News via Satellite
12.35 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Mickey & Donald
6.30 Hotshot: mystery-adventure series featuring a miniature car racing team, an enterprising children's gang — Kristy, Micro, Steve and Michelle — a kidnapped professor and a counterfeiting ring.

7.00 Beyond 2000: this documentary examines the latest in science and technology. Tonight, features oo genetic science, nuclear accidents and the space race.
8.00 News in English
8.40 The Science Edition: focus on scientific advances and their application to improve daily life.

9.00 Booker: "The Hacker", Toshima employees are sacked, except Booker who is told he has a Swiss bank account. Starring: Richard Grieco.
10.00 Cine Club: presented by Farouq Abdul Aziz (The film has not been announced.)
12.00 News in Brief
12.10 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that Kuwait Television programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

Embassy launches 'search for' model Filipinos

THE Philippine Embassy in Kuwait has launched a search for model Filipino workers in Kuwait in order to give recognition to the outstanding performance of Filipino workers. The nominee should have been working in Kuwait for at least two years and must be exemplary performing his/her duties in his/her field of endeavour. The party nominating the person should send a 500 word essay listing the qualities and reasons for nomination. The recent photographs should also be included. Nominees should not have been a previous Makabayang Award recipient.

The qualifying nominees will be chosen in the following categories for excellent performance in:

1. Sports, 2. Medical and Allied Services, 3. Restaurant and Hotel Services, 4. Business and Investment, 5. Community Service, 6. Professional achievement, 7. Promotion of Filipino Culture, 8. Service workers (holding visa No. 18 or 20 are qualified.)

A special award will also be presented to business establishments in Kuwait who have supported the activities of the Filipino community.

Details of the search for outstanding Filipinos in Kuwait available from Taha Guinoma, administrative officer, Philippine embassy or legal officer Atty. Lol Cortel Tel: 5329315-17. Deadline for entries is Saturday, June 9, 1990.

Pistang Pinoy '90

Meanwhile, final preparations for "Pistang Pinoy '90" is in full swing for the forthcoming celebration of Philippine National Day in Kuwait. Filipinos and their guests are invited by the Ambassador Maunag Mohammad Tamano and Mrs Tamano and the Philippine embassy staff and members of the various Filipino clubs and organisations. The whole-day affair will start at 7 am at the Messilah Beach Resort on Friday, June 8, 1990. Fun, games and entertainment is in store for the whole family in addition to *Yugyan sa Messilah* in the evening.



Italian delight

Tonight's the last day of an Italian Food Festival which opened at Al Salam Hotel on May 31. The El Bender Coffee Shop's executive chef Jose Dias has prepared an Italian menu. To coincide with the World Cup, the hotel is offering a raffia. The winner will get a return ticket to Rome. The second prize winner will get a two-nights-for-two stay at Al Salam Hotel. The third prize winner will get dinner for two at Al Gandoul Grill Garden.



KFAS seminar

Two seminars were held recently at the SAS Kuwait Hotel by the Kuwait Fund for the Advancement of Science. Above: (centre) Dr Ali Al Shamlan, Minister of Higher Education, presenting an award to one of the participants.



Saligaocars' social

Saligaocars' reunion, recently held at Al Salam Hotel, brought back a whiff of homely atmosphere for the participants. The function was a happy event, marked by music and dancing. Above: some of the Saligaocars.

WHAT'S ON

Sri Lankan holiday

June 17: The Sri Lankan embassy will be closed today on the occasion of "Poson."

Sri Lankan get-together

June 8: 5 pm Sri Lankan New Year get-together, at Al Salam Hotel; entertainment by Super Top Ranks. Entry passes will be available at door.

PAC membership

THE Pakistan Arts Circle (veterans) have launched a membership campaign. All Pakistanis are welcome. Membership forms available from PAC. For details contact A S Qureshi (5716388); A S Ghazali (5631815); N Khan (4843578); Z Butt (2414570).

Kuwait Nomads R.F.C.

June 7: Thursday: Oval Ball at the Hunting and Equestrian Club. 8 pm for 8.30 pm start. Full details from R. Houston (5658435); G. Adams (5644533); S. Hill (5391720).

Hotels

At the Holiday Inn
Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop: break-

fast, lunch and dinner buffets — Continental and Oriental cuisine.

Al Andalus Supper Club: Arabic Nite, every Thursday; Arabic band entertains guests. Friday Family Lunch: Disney fantasy on Fridays.

At the Plaza:

Al Dallah Coffee Shop: international cuisine; open buffet plus menu.
Lolouwah Corner: snacks and refreshing summer drinks.

Marco Polo: Italian ambience and cuisine, particularly pasta.

At the Messilah Beach
Al Mubarakiyah: open around the clock; seafood promotion on Wednesdays, 7 pm; Fridays — Middle Eastern cuisine.

Al Jawharah: Thursday special — special menu; music by Rainbow Band.

Al Berdounah: BBQ on Thursday in beach-garden restaurant; Lebanese food.

At the SAS
Bistretto: Sunday/Wednesday — pasta night; Italian music.

Paacock Room: Chinese cuisine; lunch and dinner.
Al Boom: Kuwaiti experience; charcoal grilled food, plus mezzeh buffet.

Clock: snack bar — burgers, french fries, etc.

At the Meridian

La Brasserie Restaurant
Wednesday: Indocean Corner, cuisine prepared in front of you.

Thursday: Jazz Night — jazz music, seafood specialities.
Friday: Oriental luncheon buffet; family day.

Versailles: Business lunch and dinner featuring fondue; grilled food.

At Ramada Al Salam
Al Bandar Coffee Shop: Arabic and Continental buffets, lunch and dinner; also a la carte; open 6 am to midnight.

Al Mawardi Open-Air Cafe: open from 6 pm to midnight.
Al Gandoul Grill Garden: open after 6 pm; grilled food.

Friday brunch: 12 noon to 3 pm, ship discovery tour, entertainment for children and cartoon-strip characters.

Italian food promotion, until June 6, at Al Bender Coffee Shop.

Summer Rock Concert

June 7: High Spirits and Seventh Sky rock concert; music from Police, Dire Straits, Bon Jovi, Guns 'n' Roses etc. For reservations call 5387998/2563395 after 5 pm.

June 15: Murchana, a musical evening, featuring Bengali, Hindi and semi-classical songs at Meridian Hotel. For reservations call 5640389 after 5.30 pm; or 4893424.

Daniola bowling

June 7: Daniella ends social season by inviting all Danes for a relaxed bowling evening, 7 pm. For details of venue contact Helmut — Tel: 3715619; or Winnie — 5733382.

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.14 am
Dhuhr	11.47
Asr	3.21 pm
Maghreb	6.45
Isha	8.16

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Hanafi Al Abaha (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam, Huda Ramzi, Farouk Fishawi
Al Salmiya
Al Raqassah Wal Siyaseen (Arabic)
Starring: Nabila Obaid, Salah Qabil
Al Hamra
The Rescue
Drive-In
Al Raqassah Wal Siyaseen (Arabic)
Al Firdous
Haya (Hindi)
Starring: Govinda, Neelam

Fahabel Open-Air
Dost (Hindi)
Starring: Mithun Chakraborty, Anala
Al Fahabel
Bustaan Al Damm (Arabic)
Al Jahra
Suicide Force
Gramada
Al Khadim (Arabic)
Safabikhat
No Hard Feeling
Al Jeeb
Blue Igwana
Ahmadi Drive-In
Inteha Ayyubal Zawaj (Arabic)

LEISURE

BLONDIE

By Charles M. Schulz



NAGAR THE HORRIBLE

By Dave Coverly



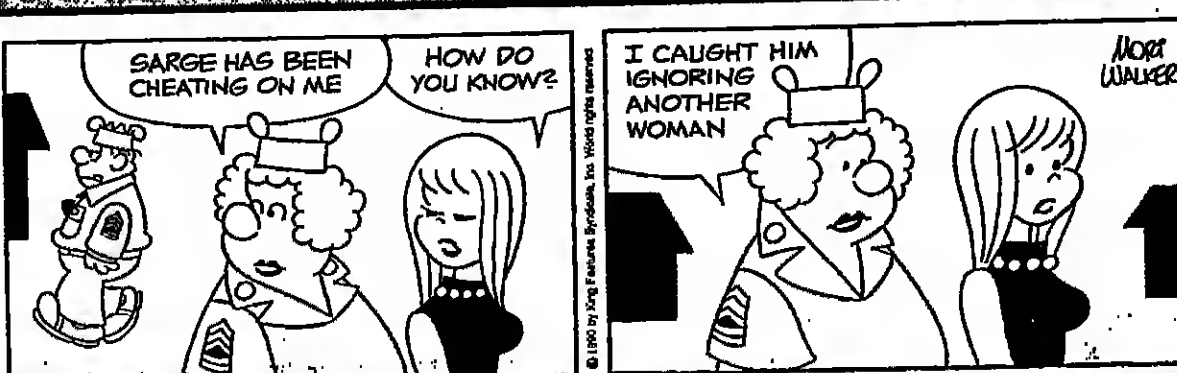
AGATHA CRUM

By Bill Hoest



BETTY BAILEY

By Mort Walker



THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brad Pitt

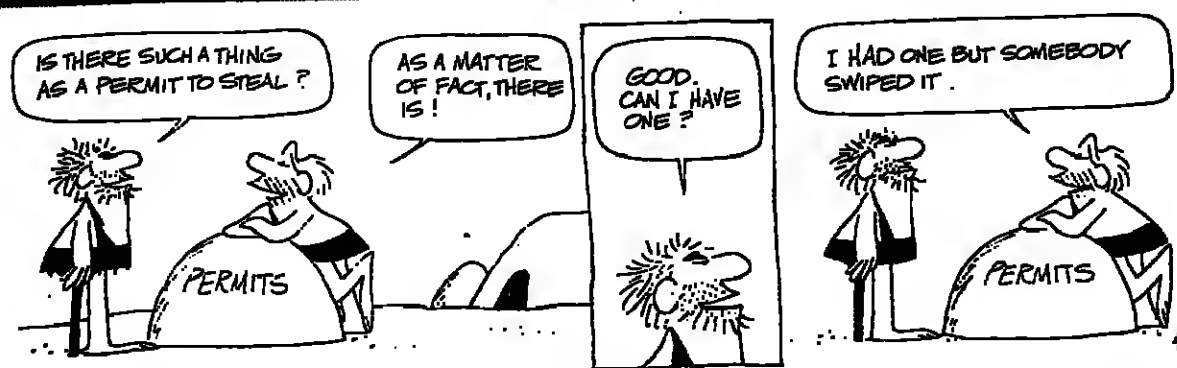


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By Johnny Hart

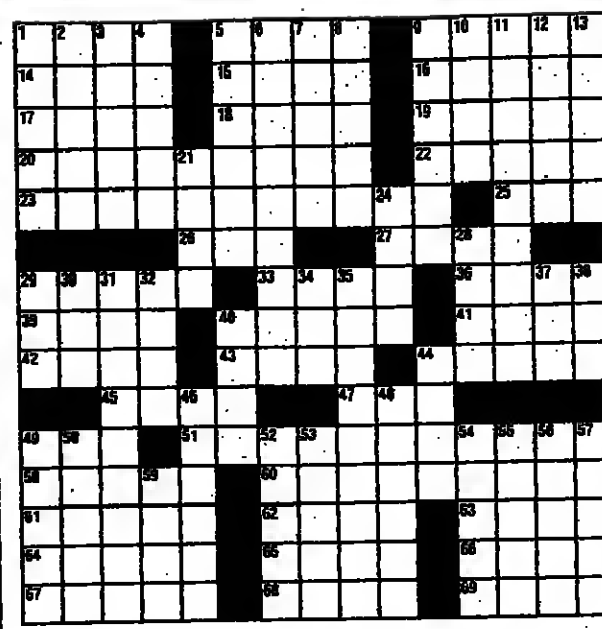


THE MAN

By G. Forton & J. Shull



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 - 15 The good brother
 - 16 Tours' river
 - 17 Author Jaffe
 - 18 Notorious
 - 19 Honky-tonks
 - 20 Glutton
 - 22 Choose
 - 23 Champion
 - 25 Manner
 - 26 School of whales
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 - 29 Hunter's weapon
 - 33 Hitherto
 - 36 Bauxite end galena
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 - 6 Letup
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 - 8 On guard
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 - 13 Impatient
 - 21 Verge
 - 24 Victuals
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 - 31 Excellent
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 - 34 Sugarloaf's location, for short
 - 35 Shocking
 - 37 Railroads of a sort, for short
 - 38 Shoat's home
 - 40 Consumer
 - 44 Close
 - 46 Overtures
 - 48 Begins
 - 49 Michelmas daisy
 - 50 Intrinsically
 - 52 Willow
 - 53 Waterwheel
 - 54 Inborn
 - 55 Weeping mother of myth
 - 56 Seabirds
 - 57 Takes ten
 - 59 Like some tea

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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SCALAR PERCHER
SHEEPS EYES EERD
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SPOT SENDS EDEN

GOREN BRIDGE

By Charles Goren and Omar Sharif

DOUBLE ALERT

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

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Opening lead: Jack of ♠

The regular members of the bridge club knew better than to double Trump Coup Tommy when they held a trump stack—Tommy had a way of making seemingly sure trump tricks vanish. But on hands where everything lay well, Tommy could be relied on to drop a trick a two, so that speculative doubles on high cards when Tommy was at the helm invariably yielded good results.

Once in a while, though, one of Tommy's cronies could not resist testing to see if Tommy's peculiar talent was still in force. That was the case here, where West's double was by any standards, speculative.

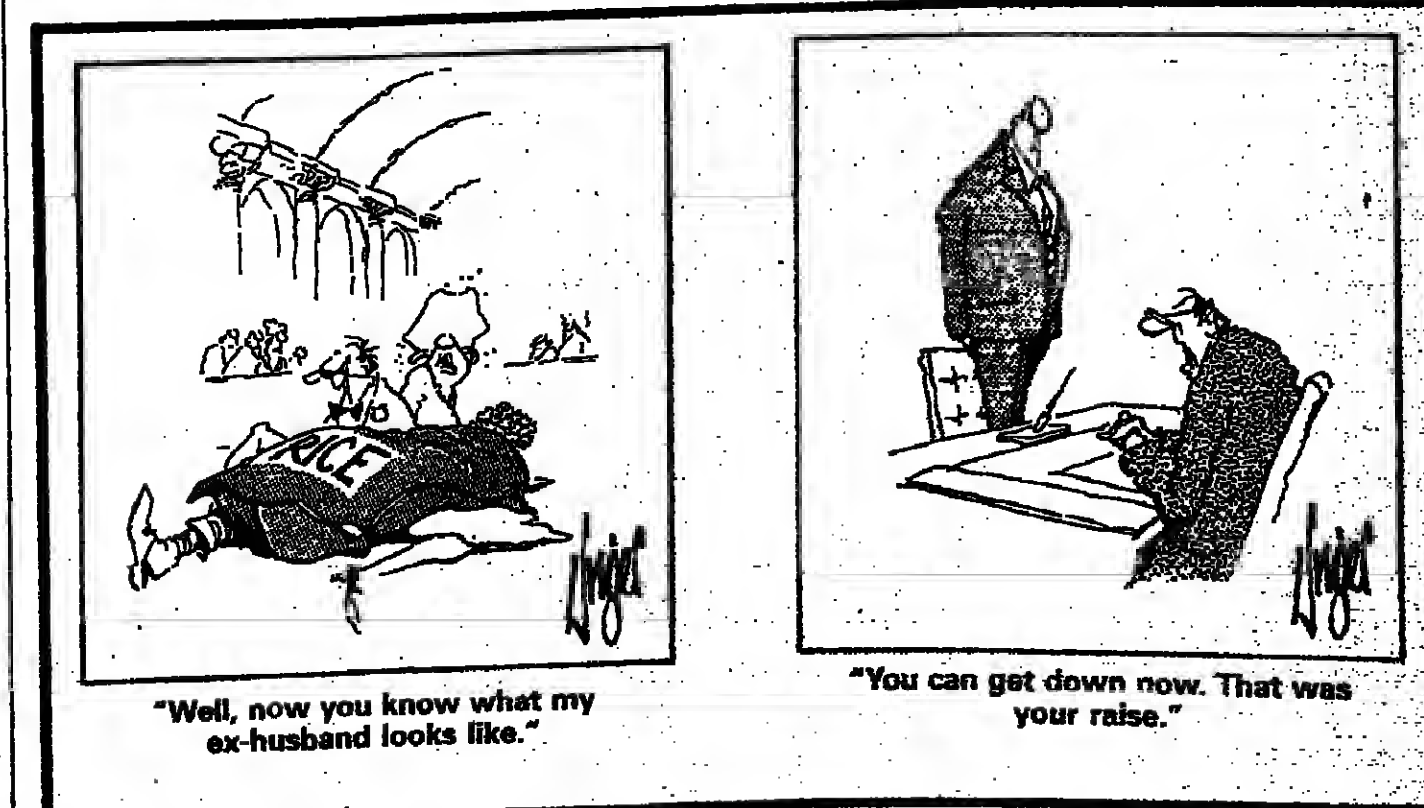
East won the first trick with the ace of clubs, and a trump shift would have left the defenders with the upper hand. But East decided to continue with a club and Tommy was in control. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ace and king of hearts and ruffed a heart. After crossing to dummy with a high diamond, declarer discarded a diamond on the king of clubs and guessed correctly by electing to ruff the remaining heart in hand.

Declarer, who had lost only one trick so far, was left with A Q 8 7 of trumps and the queen of diamonds, while West still held all four trumps and a club. When Tommy led the queen of diamonds West could do no better than ruff and return a club. Declarer ruffed and exited with the eight of trumps. That forced West to win with the ten of trumps, completing the defensive book. But then West had to lead away from his king of trumps into Tommy's ace-queen tenace, and the contract rolled home.



TAROT

<p>Aries March 21 - April 20</p> <p>You do not allow others to persuade you to do something you feel is wrong. Do not think there is plenty of time to do what has to be done—there is not. However, do not gloss over essential details in the process. Be provident.</p>	<p>Cancer June 21 - July 20</p> <p>You are on the right track but you must not allow your determination to flag. Avoid anything that would amount to a broken promise. Do not allow your emotions free rein but nor should you repress them altogether. Be considerate.</p>	<p>Libra Sept. 23 - Oct. 22</p> <p>This is going to be one of those days, so do sit calmly and collectively. Remember that there is no time to waste and use it as well as you can. Do not spend more than you need to but do avoid being mean. Be responsive.</p>	<p>Capricorn Dec. 21 - Jan. 19</p> <p>You will tend to be rather nervous and anxious and should do all you can to calm yourself. Do not worry about what might happen, it might just as readily not happen. Listen to what others are saying and take their opinions into account. Be moderate.</p>
<p>Taurus April 21 - May 20</p> <p>You will find it more difficult to make progress with what needs to be done and will have to employ a little more will power. Your lucky numbers are 8 and 26. Try to keep matters as simple as possible. Do not underestimate the strength of other people's feelings. Be less intolerant.</p>	<p>Leo July 21 - Aug. 21</p> <p>Your powers of persuasion will be higher but you will still not be able to have everything you would have liked. Do think a little more about your health and adopt a sensible regime. Avoid too much pessimism or optimism. Be reasonable.</p>	<p>Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21</p> <p>You should not postpone any longer something that you have been delaying. Do work hard but also avoid work becoming the major concern of your life. You will be able to have the last laugh.</p>	<p>Aquarius Jan. 20 - Feb. 19</p> <p>You will be able to increase your skills only if you persevere and keep an open mind. A trend towards extravagance must be curbed. Show more goodwill towards others even if they do not return the compliment. Be meaningful.</p>
<p>Gemini May 21 - June 20</p> <p>You will be in a great hurry and are liable to miss something important to your success. Avoid introducing complications into your personal life. Make sure you do not lose the courage of your convictions. Be more patient.</p>	<p>Virgo Aug. 23 - Sept. 22</p> <p>You will be better able to do what you had in mind but only if you persevere and do not dither. Do not allow some small setback to destroy your self-confidence. Avoid spending more than you can readily afford. Be tactful.</p>	<p>Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21</p> <p>You should try to do what has to be done first of all, later your energies are liable to flag. Try not to allow yourself to get bogged down in details. Consider the positive elements and eschew the negative ones. Be credible.</p>	<p>Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20</p> <p>You will tend to be rather disappointed with the results of one of your endeavours. Never mind, there will be compensations. The solution to a problem lies in a different direction to where you are looking for it. Be loyal.</p>



'Cosmic and weird'

Burnout 'switched off'

By Ivor Davis

If you wait long enough, sooner or later everyone in the acting business succumbs and goes Hollywood. But who would have thought that one of the most down-to-earth actors, that good ol' Aussie cattle farmer and father of six Mel Gibson, would be talking about New Age remedies?

Yet Gibson says he puts himself in the hands of a "therapist" every few months to have his body "switched off."

He still has enough grace to laugh about it. "I know it sounds a bit cosmic and weird," he explains, grinning. "And I wouldn't have given it much credence a few years ago. But all I can tell you is it works. It's impossible to describe. It's connected to points and energies and things and it helps me handle stress."

In "Bird on a Wire," his new action/comedy film with Goldie Hawn which opened May 18, Gibson does his all-too-familiar signature mixture of blast-'em-off-the-screen wild man and tongue-in-cheek, devil-may-care joker. But characters aside, the real Gibson says his back-to-back movie schedule, while gratifying and enormously lucrative, can bring even the strongest of screen stars to his knees. And that's where the "therapy" comes in.

Gibson is currently in London shooting his next film — he is playing the prince of Denmark in director Franco Zeffirelli's new movie version of "Hamlet" with a cast that includes Glenn Close, Alan Bates, Paul Scofield, Ian Holm and Helena Bonham Carter. He is nursing a terrible cold, sipping cappuccino, chewing gum and trying to forget that he gave up a pack-a-day cigarette habit just a few weeks ago. No wonder he needs a little help on the side.

"The guy I see," says Gibson, "can find out what's really up with you. When you go to see him he makes sure someone else is driving you home because you end up totally drained. You wander around in a fog for about three days and after that you feel like a dancing bear. Your body starts revitalizing itself."

All that regeneration is needed, explains Gibson, because he has a tendency to burn out. A few years ago he stopped working for about a year because of complete exhaustion. He went off to his cattle ranch in Australia to recuperate.

"It proved to be kind of tragic," he says. "But now I'm more well-balanced. I've learned you have to budget for the long haul. It's like economics. Once you've been bankrupt a couple of times you figure out the value of a preplanned budget, how to take a day off when you need it, how to walk away."

The stress took a toll in other ways too. Gibson used to be a big drinker. All that ended, he says, when he was stopped for drunk driving after running a light in Canada. "I should have been arrested," he says.

His smoking habit is also gone. Gibson's response to the pleading of one of his children and the demands of his shooting schedule for "Hamlet." "You need a lot of lung power for that one," he confesses.

Now he chews gum incessantly, admitting he's more nervous than usual due to the withdrawal from nicotine, and drinks gallons of coffee and mineral water.

Judging by the amount of work he has been doing lately, it would be excusable if the 34-year-old Gibson found it difficult to get up in the morning. The grueling "Hamlet" chore — which the many-million-dollar-per-picture actor is doing virtually free — comes on the heels of three other films done back-to-back: "Lethal Weapon II," which made a killing at the box office, "Bird on a Wire" and "Air America," a black comedy about the CIA's not-so-secret secret airline which operated in Southeast Asia in the '60s and '70s.

But when you're hot you're hot and Gibson, voted "The Sexiest Man Alive (1989)" by People magazine, is up there in a class of men whose names alone guarantee lines at the ticket windows — men such as Arnold Schwarzenegger and Tom Cruise. Besides, he can use the money. Gibson has to support six children — including a

pair of twins — ranging in age from 8 months to 9 years, innumerable homes, from Malibu to Montana, plus a spacious Down Under cattle ranch.

It all makes for a very stressful existence, especially the way Gibson does it. When going on location to shoot a movie most actors pack a suitcase and get on a plane. Not Gibson. He closes up which ever one of his homes he's occupying and moves his entire family — wife Robyn and all the kids (five boys and a girl) — in a minivan to what ever part of the world's he's filming in. Gibson does it everytime, knowing full well it means setting up a new household and getting the kids settled into a new school.

"You try to make everybody happy," he explains. "Initially, the stress wears on the kids, but they love it — all those situations where they're the newcomers. The more they do it, the more at ease they'll be with it. If you take a tutor along it's too isolated. You've got to them get out and mingle with the other little animals."

Gibson says it's not easy travelling with such an entourage, but it's the only way he can get any work done. "I couldn't concentrate if they weren't there," he says. "I get more done if they're around. I know where everything is and I can relax."

Right now the Gibson entourage is ensconced in a 150-year-old manor house in a village near London; skateboards, soccer balls and bicycles are strewn about. The minivan waits in the driveway to transport the tribe to the village

'You wander around in a fog for about three days and after that you feel like a dancing bear. Your body starts revitalising itself.'

school or the local tennis courts, while Dad goes off to play the melancholy Dane.

When he comes home this old hand at the kid business says he has no problems finding time for himself amid the chaos. "You have to extract yourself from the family, shut the door

and tell them all to go away. They're wild animals, you know."

And speaking of wild animals, in "Bird on a Wire," Gibson portrays Rick Jarmin, a man who is on the run because a federal witness-protection programme went away. He ends up playing hide-and-seek in a zoo with several machine gun-wielding bad guys including David Carradine and Bill Duke.

"The feeling of the thing is a bit like 'North by Northwest,'" says Gibson, "I see it as a kind of tribute to Cary Grant with a bit of Buster Keaton thrown in."

Along the way Jarmin also takes a dip in a rock pool inhabited by a jaw-snapping alligator.

"I was so close I could smell his breath," says Gibson. "He had on a restraining wire, but at one point he slipped out of it." Jarmin also dodges a pair of tigers and hides out in a cage filled with lions. He survives it all with enough energy to do a nude love scene with Hawn, who plays his former flame Marianne Graves.

"The toughest thing in action/comedy," he says, "is getting the tone right, not turning people off. For instance, when two people are naked together in a motel room, you don't want to see too much. You've got to back off. Once you get too gritty you lose the mood you hoped to create."

Filmmakers have long tried to take advantage of Gibson's body, which is in pretty fair shape considering he'd sooner have another tete-a-tete with an alligator than visit a gym. But he holds them.



Mel Gibson: therapy works

Recipient of Templeton Award

'Condemned to succeed'

LONDON, (Pano): Baba Amte, who devoted his life to working with leprosy patients, the blind, deaf and other disabled people in Anandwan, was given the Templeton Award in London recently.

The award, for progress in religion, was accepted by his son, Dr Vikas Amte, because Baba was unable to travel to London.

The Baba has left Anandwan to support the people of the Narmada Valley whose homes are threatened by the Narmada Dam Project. He has moved into a hut on the banks of the Narmada on the site of a bridge which, when built, will link Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat. His friends have real fears for his safety: they say that, to move him, he will have to be killed.

In shifting his home to Kasarwad, one of the villages to be submerged by the Narmada Project, Baba Amte said: "My presence here will give strength to the movement against the dam. The sound of my silence will help the people to hear the cry of the Narmada. I am condemned to succeed."

The project involves the construction of a dam with a capacity of 5,800 million cubic metres (7.5 billion cubic yards), developing about 214 kilometres (130 miles) of the Narmada Valley, as well as the construction of a 460 kilometre (285 mile) main canal reaching up to the Gujarat-Rajasthan border.

Baba Amte has been trying to counter what he attacks as the "falsehood of the government." The government is said to be running a disinformation campaign and is seeking to suppress vital information by enforcing the Official Secrets Act.

Recently, the government of Gujarat declared the town of Kevadia and 12 surrounding villages as "prohibited areas" and banned visits, as well as discussions, meetings, rallies or protests without prior permission from the authorities.

In a recent newspaper article, the Baba wrote: "The Sardar Sarovar Project (Narmada Project) has been hailed as the lifeline of Gujarat, as the permanent solution to the water problem of Saurashtra and Kutch, as the panacea for Gujarat's drought-prone, arid and tribal areas."

"Careful examination of the government's own data shows that 56 out of the 69 talukas (sub-divisions of the district) of water-starved Saurashtra are to get no water from the project. Forty-two out of Gujarat's 47 tribal talukas and pockets are also not to receive a drop of water from the Narmada Project."

He also expressed concern about the destruction of some 130,482 hectares (322,000 acres), of which about half is "mostly prime quality cultivable land," and the remainder forest land.

Could you be Madonna?

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Would you enjoy being the teens' darling even if it meant being "a turn-off to the majority of the population?" (which is Madonna's official status according to Steven Levitt, head of the New York agency which rates the popularity of celebrities?)

This quiz will help you find out:

1. Would you take up serious regular jogging?

(a) if you weren't already doing it

(b) if someone or something gave you a little push. You've always meant to

(c) if you left it would improve your already highly-paid performance

(d) only if Reebok offered you a £3,000,000 deal for wearing their trainers

(e) no way?

2. If newspapers were constantly printing gossip (not always true) about you, would you:

(a) be furious

(b) be embarrassed

(c) be depressed

(d) be indifferent, detached. It would be nothing to do with the real you

(e) rejoice. The only bad publicity for a would-be celebrity is no publicity?

3. If your publicist advised you to be so shocking in a television interview that the bleeper kept having to be used, would you:

(a) refuse. You couldn't do it for the thought of your partner or auntie or grandmother watching

(b) refuse and sack the publicist. You don't need anyone to tell you who you are and how you behave

(c) check what time it would go out

(d) do it, reluctantly. If you are paying for professional advice you might as well take it

(e) do it, with relish. It would be great fun?

4. How disciplined are you about managing your time:

(a) extremely. You always divide it up in advance and stick as closely as you can to the timetable you have given yourself

(b) fairly. When you are busy enough for it to be important you can be quite disciplined

(c) not very. You tend to stagger from crisis to crisis with little planning ahead, reacting rather than controlling

(d) time manages you. You are usually late getting up, almost always running behind?

5. If you could not go to the supermarket or walk down the street without being recognized and asked for your autograph would it be:

(a) claustrophobic

(b) a drag when the novelty wore off for you but the fans did not go away

(c) a bit of nuisance when you weren't in the mood

(d) a big buzz

(e) who needs supermarkets or suburban high streets when they can go door-to-door limo and have their shopping done for them?

6. If you had a career as a pop singer, would you regard administration as:

(a) irrelevant, or too boring to bother about

(b) necessary, but something you would pay someone else to do

(c) necessary. And if you didn't want to be a rip-off victim or premature has-been you would have at least to supervise it yourself?

7. If you felt someone working for you should be sacked would you:

(a) do it without turning a hair

(b) do it but only after sleepless nights

(c) try to make them want to leave

(d) get someone else to do it

(e) leave them where they are and hope they decide to leave?

8. If your image was essentially blonde but your hairdresser told you that much more bleaching and you'd be choosing between blonde and a wig, would you:

(a) stop immediately

(b) get a second opinion

(c) go dark and wear a wig on stage

(d) ignore the warning and live for today — and your next million in the bank?

9. Are you a perfectionist:

(a) all the time

(b) in things you think are important

(c) only over what you regard as exceptionally important

(d) never?

10. When you were a child, were you:

(a) a little goody two-shoes

(b) naughty when the gang was

(c) a ring-leader in trouble

(d) a rebel loner always in trouble on your own?

11. If you made a film and had terrible reviews for your performance, would you:

(a) want to go around with your head in a paper bag for a week but then forget it

(b) vow never to make another — and mean it

(c) despise the critics and ignore



Madonna: famous and paying the price

what they say

(d) feel even more determined to try again to show them?

12. How would you feel about being responsible for the jobs of other people:

(a) it would give you a nice warm glow to feel you had contributed to the job pool

(b) it would weigh heavily on your shoulders

(c) it would be a matter of indifference to you. It would just be incidental to your own career?

13. Do you think being interviewed would be:

(a) enjoyable. What is more interesting than talking about yourself?

(b) testing. You would have to have your wits about you

(c) a chore. You would have to do it if you wanted to be widely-known

(d) the pits. What could be more embarrassing?

14. If you were about to go on stage and you were told that your partner was splitting or someone close to you had died, would you:

(a) make an excuse and cancel

(b) start a bit late to give you time to pull yourself together

(c) switch off your emotions and perform like your life depended on it

(d) you don't know until the situation actually confronts you?

15. How many of the following did you do as a child:

• dye your hair (without permission)

• run away (and stay away more than an hour)

• play dressing up games

• dress outrageously for real;

(a) all four

(b) three

(c) two

(d) one

(e) none?

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90 — 170:

You have just about enough of the qualities you would need to get you into the big time if they happen to be backed by a bit of dollop of talent, too. You aren't a natural for the self-promotion game.

As far as paying the price is concerned, you wouldn't much like it. If you had banked the \$90,000,000 Madonna has over the last four years you'd be happy to call it a day and live very privately off the interest for the rest of your days.

You don't have the ego that would drive you to stay in there just for the kick of being there.

175 — 265:

You could do it. And if anyone can take it, you can.

And that means you will probably carve yourself out a successful niche in whatever career you have chosen. If your sights aren't set on Top of the Pops it could be top of the docs or best of the badminton players.

As long as you put your efforts where your talents lie, you can hardly miss. As long as you answered completely truthfully, of course...

Jazz from the heart in '90s

By Ken Franckling

BOSTON, June 5, (UPI): It is easy to link various jazz styles with the decades in which they either developed or thrived.

The big band "Swing" sound and the '30s and '40s, for example, or bebop and the '50s, the avant-garde and the '60s, fusion and the '70s.

Such musical time frames are unfair to contemporary players who find wonderful sources for their own musical explorations. They do the players a disservice far beyond the inevitable comparisons to their musical heroes.

All musicians go through a process of emulation and absorption before forging their own identities. They carry stylistic reference points with them, but their playing is contemporary because it is being made now.

Consider alto saxophonist Christopher Hollyday, a hot, young player whose prime influences have been alto greats Charlie Parker and Jackie McLean.

Hollyday (pronounced holiday) is 20. He is just out with his fifth recording in five years. The aptly named "On Course," on the RCA-Novus label, marks his musical flowering.

This reed-thin, polite and pleasant young man understands categorisation. It happens, but it doesn't faze him.

"I'm just trying to do what comes naturally. Nobody on the scene has ever been trying to

Jazz
■ Ella Fitzgerald, *All That Jazz* (Pablo, 2310-938)

The pipes aren't quite what they used to be when the marvellous Ella Fitzgerald was in her prime, but the reigning queen of jazz singers still knows how to ride a swinging beat.

This session was recorded in March 1989 with two sets of veteran horn men: Clark Terry and Al Grey in one grouping, Harry "Sweets" Edison and Benny Carter in the other.

Tops are *Dream a Little Dream of Me* and her splendid scatting on the Benny Carter title track. Overall, however, this pales in comparison to many of her classic sessions.

create a new music. It is about doing what you want to do, and playing what makes you happy, whether it is the 1990s or the 1940s. It is always a matter of playing what feels right," Hollyday says. "It is just modern jazz. It was in the '40s, and it is in the '90s."

"Charlie Parker's music still stands up to the test 40 years later. It wasn't '1940s music,' it was just happening in the '40s."

Hollyday's new recording was made with his touring band, consisting of pianist Larry Goldings, bassist John Lockwood and

Pop
■ Lori Carson Shelter, *(Geffen-Dgc, 24256)*

Carson wants to give us all a hug. Since most of us are more than an arm's length away, the singer-songwriter instead offers up *Shelter*. 12 takes on the rather painful side of life, as she sees it in New York City.

Carson's message and voice compare well with those of traditional female folk-pop artists. Her lyrics, often delicate, are images drawn from the heart and soul. "Don't give up. Have hope. Keep trying," Carson says.

Shelter gets a boost from producer Hal Wilner, who produced last year's *Stay Awake*, an array of Disney tunes remade by contemporary artists and

drummer Ron Savage. One listen makes it clear that Hollyday has come a long way in a short time, honing his sound and his confidence, forging his identity as a player and a songwriter.

While rooted in bebop, his music has a rhythmic and harmonic sophistication all its own. Tone and phrasing are stressed more than the spitfire torrents of notes he used to play because he could.

His band, together for about 18 months now, makes the most of its interplay. Eight of the 10 CD tunes are Hollyday originals.

The highlights are the improvised duets he plays with each member of the quartet. (Eubie Blake's *Memories of You* with Goldings, *Impromptu* with Lockwood (Impromptu) and *Spontaneous* with Savage.

"I'm trying to make my music so it becomes more of a language," Hollyday says. "We are trying to communicate with each other on stage. We try to keep it very spontaneous, with few rules and stereotypes."

Hollyday lives in New York, where he is on full scholarship in the jazz programme at the New

School for Social Research, an affiliate of the Parsons School of Design.

He and his band are scheduled to tour the United States, Europe and South America this summer with a full string of club dates and jazz festival appearances, some of them as the opening act for hot young singer/pianist Harry Connick Jr.

"When we get to play every night, that's when the music really starts to happen. You stop worrying about everything else," Hollyday says. "The most important thing for me to find is

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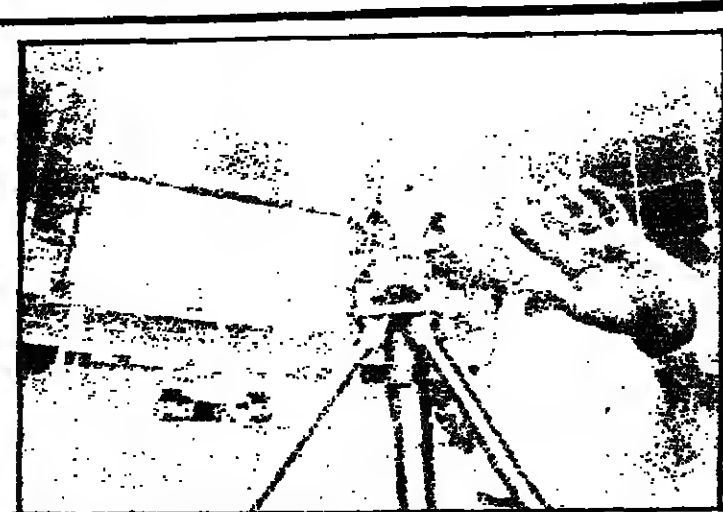
Spanish national team reserve goalkeeper Juan Carlos (right) practises for the World Cup competition. (Reuters wirephoto)



A local street vendor attempts to sell stuffed World Cup mascot dolls to motorists in Rome. (Reuters wirephoto)



Supporters of the Brazilian World Cup squad cheer their team during a training session on Monday. (Reuters wirephoto)



A surveyor waves at his assistant while checking the level of the soccer field at the Tunn Cup Stadium. (Reuters wirephoto)

Hooligan fear cuts stadium capacity

ROME, June 5. (Reuters): World Cup organisers have cut capacity at the stadium where England will play their first round matches in Italy because of fear of violence from soccer hooligans.

Luca di Montezemolo, head of the local organising committee Italia 90, told reporters yesterday the move would allow police to leave a 'security cordon' between English fans and rival supporters in Cagliari's Sant'Elia Stadium.

An International Football Federation (Fifa) spokesman said Montezemolo had informed Fifa that 2,000 tickets — about five per cent of the stadium capacity — had been kept back from sale for each of England's three Group F matches.

"We in general welcome every measure designed to increase security and if the local organising committee feels this measure is important we support it," the Fifa spokesman said.

England and the Netherlands, the countries with the world's most violent supporters, play each other in the Sardinian capital on June 16. England, the Group F seeds, play Ireland on June 11 and Egypt on June 21.

Flashpoint
Cagliari is regarded as the main flashpoint for hooliganism during the month-long World Cup and thousands of police have been sent to the city in a huge security operation.

Three English fans, the first to be arrested in Sardinia, were jailed for 20 days and fined yesterday after a court found them guilty of criminal damage and theft. The court heard that none of three had tickets for England matches.

"Quite a lot of people are coming without tickets," an official British spokesman on the island said.

The spokesman said the English Football Association had sold its official allocation of 3,000 tickets. Between 8,000 and 13,000 English fans are expected to travel to Sardinia.

Montezemolo said 92 per cent of tickets for the 52 World Cup matches in Italy had been sold, five days before the opening match in Milan on June 8.

No more tickets were available for Rome and Group F venues Cagliari and Palermo while 95 per cent of tickets had been sold for Milan and Turin, he said.

Maradona practises with 'bionic toe'

Heyssel tragedy still haunts Turin

ROME, June 5. (Agencies): Argentine captain Diego Maradona has resumed practising with a "bionic toe" on his ailing right foot and is expected to start Friday when the defending champions open World Cup play against Cameroon.

A special carbon protector allowed Maradona, considered the world's most lethal striker, to practice yesterday despite the pain from infected ingrown toenails in both feet.

"With this device I don't feel any pain, just a little bother," the 29-year-old Maradona said after working out in Trigoria, site of the Argentine training camp.

"I am anxious to start playing and for the World Cup to finally begin," he said.

Coach Carlos Bilardo said he could not sleep because of Maradona's condition. Yesterday, Bilardo expressed relief after watching his star player work out.

Maradona said he would play against Cameroon no matter how bad his feet hurt.

In yesterday's practice, the Argentine squad played 30 minutes against a junior team from home that is touring Italy and helping the national players prepare for the tournament.

Maradona made several of his distinctive plays, drawing applause from a crowd of about 50 people who managed to sneak in and watch.

Two other Argentine players — fullback Oscar Ruggeri and midfielder Jorge Burruchaga — did not work out yesterday for the second straight day. Ruggeri has a groin strain and Burruchaga a bruised right leg.

Bilardo said he held them out as a precaution and expected both to play Friday.

Just three days before the start of the World Cup, party spirit is conspicuously absent in the northern Italian industrial city of Turin where memories of a football tragedy are still fresh.

Five years ago thousands of Turin supporters travelled in festive mood to Brussels to watch Juventus play in another soccer spectacle — the European Cup final.

Thirty-nine never returned. They were crushed to death at the Heyssel Stadium when a wall collapsed under pressure from a stampede by Liverpool supporters. The disaster led to a ban, still in force, on English clubs from European club competitions.

Turin, which hosts Group C including Brazil and Scotland, asked the Cup organisers to ensure that England were not based here, though the English and their notorious fans could still turn up in the later stages.

How does the British consul feel about such a prospect? "I think we have to take one step at a time," Howard Price said. "The Heyssel disaster is not something that is easily forgotten but at the moment the main thing that strikes me is how much effort the Turin people have put in to

make the Cup a success here."

Giuseppe Giraudi, on the board of the local organising committee, was confident local people would support the event by filling the magnificent new 70,000-seater stadium on the city outskirts.

"I think there is lots of enthusiasm here and any resentment towards the English over Heyssel is disappearing," he said as scores of workmen milled around the media centre in a last-minute rush to complete the installations.

Belgian coach Guy Thys hopes tomorrow's final World Cup warm-up soccer match against Poland will resolve a nagging dilemma in the defence.

Thys has virtually decided his team for their opening World Cup Group E encounter against South Korea on June 12 but he has yet to decide between two pairs of central defenders.

Both combinations — Stephane Demol with George Grun and Leo Clijsters with Philippe Albert — played in the 3-0 win over Mexico on Saturday but neither duo were tested against by an unconvincing attack.

Thys will again play both combinations against Poland after being forced to choose between liberos Demol and Clijsters rather than play them together.

At 33, the World Cup is Clijsters' last chance to add to his 35 caps. He plans to retire from international soccer after the championship.

With the attack already well honed, the only other question is how much use Thys will make of veteran striker Jan Ceulemans, who four years ago captained the Belgium in their most successful World Cup campaign ever.

Thys kept Ceulemans on the bench for the first half of Belgium's 2-2 draw against Romania 10 days ago and he missed the Mexico match due to a back

injury and, some commentators speculated, to a measure of hurt pride as well.

"Strong Jan" appeared to put his injury behind him in training yesterday but Thys seems unlikely to play him from the kick-off, preferring to keep the line-up that started against Mexico and that Ceulemans is in reserve.

Police in Rome detained the self-styled leader of English soccer hooligans today, four days before the start of the World Cup finals.

Paul Scarrott, 34, was picked up by police at Rome's main railway station and taken to headquarters for questioning, a police spokesman said.

The spokesman said police were examining a number of possible charges. He would not elaborate but said Scarrott was listed as an "undesirable alien" — meaning he could be expelled.

False

Italian television said Scarrott could be charged with holding a false passport.

Scarrott has a string of convictions for soccer-related violence and figures prominently on a 'blacklist' of English hooligans Britain has given Italian police in a bid to keep World Cup violence from its notorious fans to a minimum.

British newspapers quoted him yesterday as saying he had slipped through the security net and got to Rome two weeks ago.

He said 500 fellow-English hooligans planned to meet in the Italian capital and fight Dutch fans at the Rome railway station before England and the Netherlands play their Group F match in the Sardinian island capital Cagliari on June 16.

The match is regarded as the most likely flashpoint for hooligan violence and a massive security operation has been mounted on the island.

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Diego Maradona sticks his tongue out as he is about to kick the ball. (Reuters wirephoto)

Charlton slams Cup guidelines

VALETTA, June 5. (Reuters): Ireland manager Jack Charlton yesterday attacked tough new World Cup guidelines for referees which he said could well encourage cheating rather than end foul play.

"They are encouraging gamesmanship in this competition to a degree I don't like. Referees will be on a hair-trigger," he told reporters at his team's World Cup training camp in Malta.

International Football Federation (Fifa) president Joao Havelange said last week that any referee who failed to send off players for violent offences would be sent home himself.

Charlton, whose team qualified for their first finals thanks to a highly physical style — with 10 bookings and two suspensions on the way, said he was worried Ireland would suffer from opponents faking injuries.

"I'm sure that from the first kick-off there will be people rolling over and over as if they had been decapitated."

"Within two minutes they'll be up and running around with a smile on their face because they've probably got a free kick or the player booked," the blunt Englishman said.

"The first referee... who gives a yellow card to a player who pretends to have been fouled around the edge of the box will do more for the game than any other decision," he said.

Charlton said a referee would be constantly thinking about the warning hanging over him and about how a legal tackle might look to the Fifa adjudicator watching from the stands.

"If a referee thinks 'I must punish it otherwise I might be sent home from the competition' — what a nonsense."

He said Fifa's warning undermined the authority of referees appointed because of their expertise and experience.

"Now at the World Cup they're being told what to do. I cannot see the sense of that... if they're the best in the world they should referee the game as they see it, as they have always done. That's why they were chosen. It's common sense."

"There are too many directives being issued from people who don't play the game," said Charlton, who played with his brother Bobby in the World Cup-winning England team of 1966.

"If they had said to the players, who are going to roll over and over as if they had been killed when someone stands close to them, that they will be charged with bringing the game into disrepute, we would agree with that completely."

Scala choir will take part in the event before the soccer begins in earnest with the opening game between champions Argentina and the pride of West Africa — Cameroon.

Soviet squad
CASTELVECCHIO, Pascoli, June 5. (AP): The Soviet national team arrived in Italy yesterday determined to prove it is one of the best squads in the World Cup soccer championship. "Despite some small problems with injuries, I think we can do well in Italy," head coach Valery Lobanovsky said after the team's arrival in the northwestern Italian resort of Il Ciocco.

England defender
CAGLIARI, Sardinia, June 5. (AP): Nine years ago, Tony Dorigo was a soccer-mad Australian teenager who yearned to play professionally.

Next week, he will be playing World Cup soccer for England.

Dorigo, now a 24-year-old left-back for English First Division club Chelsea, left his Adelaide home with his father at age 16 and travelled to England in the hope of getting a soccer trial.

"We came in 1981, just before my 16th birthday," Dorigo told the Associated Press.

Italian team

MARINO, Italy, June 5. (AP): A meeting with actress Sophia Loren, a blessing from a bishop and cautious words from coach Azeglio Vicini highlighted Italy's first day of training in this ancient town.

The film star, who lives nearby on the Appian Way, brought glamour to the ceremony that officially opened the refurbished 45,000-seat stadium and training centre where the Italian team will practice before playing its first match June 9 in Rome's Olympic stadium.

US goalkeeper

TIRRENTIA, Italy, June 5. (AP): US goalkeeper Tony Meola speaks Italian and reads it, too. And he's a little upset the Americans are given so little chance of doing well in the World Cup.

"I read just about all of it," Meola said yesterday of the Italian newspapers. "People here don't seem to be very pleased with the way we could play. But we haven't been in the World Cup for 40 years. We can't expect to tell us we're going to be shoe-ins (certainties) for the second round."

Austrian coach

FLORENCE, Italy, June 5. (AP): Austrian coach Josef Hickersberger said yesterday his team feels the pressure of its fans' hopes for success in the World Cup.

"After our most recent matches, optimism is rampant among our fans at home," the 42-year-old Hickersberger said at an afternoon press conference in Florence shortly after his team's arrival from Vienna.



Brazil's World Cup player, Romario, is seen in action again during a training session in Asti, northern Italy. He is ready to play after being out for two months with a broken leg. (Reuters wirephoto)

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West Germany's Bodo Illgner (left) and Pierre Littbarski play a match of table soccer at the West Germany soccer practice camp in Kallert, near Boizen, late Monday afternoon. (Reuters wirephoto)

both the Scottish Football Association and the doctor at his club, Glasgow Rangers, that he was fit enough to play in the tournament.

Cameroon team
MILAN, Italy, June 5. (UPI): Cameroon arrived in rainsoaked Milan yesterday ahead of Friday's

World Cup 1990 opening game with defending champion Argentina. The Cameroon team flew into Milan's Malpensa Airport more than an hour late from Rome en route to the team hotel and training ground at Varese, northwest of the city. It was headed by Cameroon Football Association president Albert Totote.

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Andreas Brehme of West Germany relaxes in a deck chair in the park of Hotel Seeleiten, at South Tyrol, during a break in the West German team's training session on Monday afternoon. (Reuters wirephoto)

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Baseball games

NEW YORK, June 5. (Reuters): Results of Major League baseball games played yesterday:

American League	
Boston	5 NY Yankees 3
Baltimore	6 Milwaukee 4
Texas	1 California 0
National League	
Montreal	5 NY Mets 3
Pittsburgh	6 Chicago Cubs 2
St. Louis	3 Philadelphia 2
San Diego	10 Houston 1
San Francisco	10 Cincinnati 1
Los Angeles	6 Atlanta 0

Epsom Derby

LONDON, June 5. (Reuters): The failure of an obvious favourite for tomorrow's Epsom Derby has experts still searching the form book with the French Derby providing most of the clues. Karings Bay, which was narrowly beaten early in the season by Sanglamore — the winner at Chantilly on Sunday — is attracting considerable support.

Gonzalez wins

LOS ANGELES, June 5. (Reuters): Mexico's Humberto Gonzalez easily retained his World Boxing Council light flyweight title when he stopped number-one contender Luis Montano of the United States early in the third round of a scheduled 12 round bout after two knockdowns.

France triumph

CANBERRA, June 5. (Reuters): France scrambled to a 22-21 win over Australian Capital Territory (ACT) in the second game of their eight-match rugby union tour today after leading by seven points at halftime.

Fans punished

BEIJING, June 5. (Reuters): Chinese police have "criticized, educated and fined" 12 rowdy rock fans as a lesson for potential troublemakers during the Asian Games, an official newspaper said today. One fan "stripped off his jacket and, baring his torso, waved his straw hat in the air and yelled continuously," the Legal Daily said. Another tried to light a fire during a recent concert by Star, a visiting Soviet pop group.

Malaysian players

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, June 5. (AP): Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad welcomed home the Malaysian badminton team yesterday, promising all six players and coach Han Jian a car for their second-place finish to China in the Thomas Cup.

Napa confident

TOKYO, June 5. (AP): Thailand's Napa Kawanchai is confident of winning back the World Boxing Council straw-weight title when he fights champion Hideyuki Ohashi of Japan this week, the challenger's manager said yesterday. The 12-round title match is scheduled Friday at Tokyo's Korakuen Hall.

Greece suspended

ROME, June 5. (Reuters): Greece was suspended from all international soccer competitions involving national teams or clubs today for breaking FIFA regulations.

Sepp Blatter, general secretary of FIFA, the sport's governing body, said Greece would not be able to play international matches, including European championship qualifiers, and its teams could not take part in European club competitions until the national soccer federation changed its constitution.

Blatter also said Jordan had been suspended for six months and fined 10,000 Swiss francs (\$7,000) for organizing an international tournament without FIFA approval.

Ahmadi kart drivers receive trophies

THE annual award presentation of the Ahmadi Kart Club was held recently. The majority of the club attended along with prospective karters and sponsors; notably the clubs long-standing sponsor Imaad Mahdi Habib of Mahdi Hahib Commercial Establishment and Ibrahim Al Hajem of Emirates Airlines.

The evening started off with a superb buffet, catered by the SAS Hotel, followed by the award presentation and disco. Mahmoud Sami, president of Kuwait Oil Company and Ahmadi Kart Club, attended and presented the trophies to the drivers. The first three places in each event went to the following drivers:

Kuwait National Drivers Championship: 1st David Haines; 2nd Simon Lloyd; 3rd Peter Frieseneger.

Ahmadi Challenge Cup: 1st Simon Lloyd; 2nd David Haines; 3rd Peter Frieseneger.

Novice Championship: 1st Peter Wakely; 2nd Neil Gardiner; 3rd Ray Washer.

Ladies Championship: 1st Sandra Gardiner; 2nd Norma Haines; 3rd Bernadette Frieseneger.

Special thanks go to Mike Rees for hosting the event. Also to David Rogers who stood in as Master of Ceremonies at such short notice. John Ogilvie, Ray and Yvonne Washer, Neil, Linda and Sandra Gardiner and David

Graf, Seles in semifinals

Agassi tames Chang



Chang walks off the court after his defeat. (Reuters wirephoto)

PARIS, June 5. (AP): Andre Agassi, wearing one of his trademark outfits of hot pink, overpowered defending-champion Michael Chang in French Open quarterfinals today, beating his compatriot from the United States, 6-2, 6-1, 4-6, 6-2.

The third-seeded Agassi reached his fourth Grand Slam semifinal and his second in three years on a game of sheer power.

Two streaks — five consecutive games in the first set and the last six in the second — put Agassi in a dominating position. He finished the match by breaking Chang with a sledgehammer backhand volley.

Top-ranked Steffi Graf shook off a mid-match charge by Conchita Martinez and reached the women's semifinals of her 14th consecutive Grand Slam tournament. Graf opened the day of six quarterfinals with a 6-1, 6-3 victory.

Monica Seles, the second seed and the hottest player in tennis, survived a scare to win her 30th consecutive match. She rallied from a 1-4 deficit in the third set to beat sixth-seeded Manuela Maleeva 3-6, 6-1, 7-5. Maleeva, who hit herself in the head with her racket on a second-set shot, was two points from victory at 5-4, 0-30, when Seles took off to win the final three games.

The Agassi-Chang matchup looked as if it would offer a close contest. Agassi quickly took charge but Chang made a late run before strength won out.

The top-ranked player in the

tournament after first-round upsets of Stefan Edberg and Boris Becker, the 20-year-old from Las Vegas, Nevada, broke for a 2-1 lead and won five games in a row before Chang came back from 0-30 to hold for 5-2. Agassi then held for the first set.

Since losing a five-setter to Mats Wilander in the semifinals in Paris two years ago, Agassi has taken on a strenuous training programme to improve his power and stamina. The results showed in the second set.

Agassi pounded groundstrokes deep into the corners, running Chang out of position then coming to the net for winning volleys. He had Chang in constant trouble, even when the 11th seed saved a break point and held serve in the first game.

Results

1-Steffi Graf (West Germany) beat 9-Conchita Martinez (Spain) 6-1, 6-3.
Regina Rajchrtova/Andrea Temesvari (Czechoslovakia/Hungary) beat 13-Monika Bolgeri/Raffaella Reggi (Netherlands) 7-6, 6-3.
Sandra Cecchini/Patricia Tarabini (Italy/Argentina) beat Elena Pampoulova/Wilfried Probst (Bulgaria/W Germany) 6-2, 6-1.
13-Nathalie Tauziat/Judith Wimmer (France/Austria) beat 5-Katrina Adams/Lori McNeil (US) 3-6, 6-2, 6-1.
6-Nicole Pietrangeli/Dan Ristea (Australia/South Africa) beat 15-Joanne Faull/Rachel Quigley (Australia) 6-3, 6-4.
3-Andre Agassi (US) beat 11-Michael Chang (US) 6-2, 6-1, 4-6, 6-2.
2-Monica Seles (Yugoslavia) beat 6-Manuela Maleeva (Bulgaria) 3-6, 6-1, 7-5.
4-Mercedes Paz/Alexandra Sanchez Vicario (Argentina/Spain) beat 10-Natalia Medvedeva/Laila Meskhi (Soviet Union) 6-4, 6-3.

Kiwis beat Derbyshire

DERBY, England, June 5. (Reuters): New Zealand beat Derbyshire by 82 runs in a three-day cricket match yesterday and then received some more good news ahead of their opening cricket Test against England from key all-rounder Richard Hadlee.

Hadlee, wearing an adapted right glove to protect his broken hand, had a successful spell of batting in the nets at Derby and looks likely to play in Thursday's Test at Nottingham.

After a first innings of 252 for five declared and Derbyshire's overnight declaration at 30 for no wicket, New Zealand followed with a second innings of 110 for four declared, achieved in one hour against largely occasional bowlers.

With Martin Snedden taking four for 55, New Zealand bowled out Derbyshire for 250 in their second innings.

Set 333 runs in a minimum of 80 overs, Derbyshire lost Kim Barnett to the first ball of their second innings.

South African all-rounder Adrian Kuiper helped them recover with a fine 68, including two six and eight fours, but after he was leg before in the last over

before tea Derbyshire's hopes of beating the visitors ended.

Scoreboard

NEW ZEALAND, first innings 252 for five declared (A. Jones 121 not out)

DERBYSHIRE, first innings 30 for no wicket declared

NEW ZEALAND second innings

T. Franklin c and b Adams 9
J. Croux c Morris b Roberts 47
A. Parore lbw b Jean-Jacques 37
M. Priest c Krikken b Cork 10
J. Braconer not out 3
Extras (lb-2 w-1 nb-1) 4
Total (four wickets dec) 110

Fall of wickets: 1-20 2-63 3-104 4-110

Bowling: Morris 7-0-47-0, Adams 6-1-20-1, Bowler 3-0-25-0, Roberts 3-0-10-1, Cork 1-0-4-1, Jean-Jacques 0-4-0-2-1.

Result: New Zealand won by 82 runs

Defreitas in fine form

LONDON, June 5. (Reuters): England captain Graham Gooch and pace bowler Philip Defreitas tuned up for this week's first test against New Zealand with impressive performances for their countries in today's championship cricket matches.

On a day when most games were disrupted by rain, Lancashire's Defreitas took six wickets for 39 runs against Sussex as his

county raced to a nine-wicket victory.

Gooch scored 120 — including 17 fours and two sixes for his fourth championship century in as many games — after Essex started the day in danger of defeat against Middlesex.

Defreitas said: "This will give me a great boost. Coming on the eve of the test, this could do wonders for me."

DERBYSHIRE second innings:

K. Barnett lbw b Morrison 0
D. Gooch c and b Snedden 20
J. Morris b Morrison 25
B. Roberts c M. Croux b Morrison 28
A. Kuiper lbw b Braconer 68
C. Adams c J. Croux b Priest 21
K. Krikken c M. Croux b Snedden 62
M. Jean-Jacques b Snedden 14
B. Bishop c Greatbatch b Braconer 7
D. Malcolm lbw b Snedden 0
D. Cork not out 2
Extras (lb-15 nb-7) 22
Total 250

Fall of wickets: 1-0-24 2-36-4-79-5-159 6-169 7-233 8-248 9-248

Bowling: Morrison 9-2-40-2, Milne 8-0-36-1, Snedden 18-4-55-4, Priest 10-1-46-1, Braconer 15-2-58-2.

Result: New Zealand won by 82 runs

Lewis dispels injury doubts

LONDON, June 5. (Reuters): England all-rounder Chris Lewis looked to have proved his fitness for this week's first Test against New Zealand by rescuing Leicestershire from an innings defeat by Hampshire yesterday.

The 22-year-old, whose first full Test appearance has been threatened by a thigh injury, followed up an unbeaten 36 in his county's first innings with an unbeaten 40 when they followed on 171 behind Hampshire's 349 for seven declared.

By the close of the second day of their three-day match, Leicestershire were 189 for five.

He has to tilt (England manager) Mick Stewart tomorrow whether he'll be fit to practice with England on Wednesday, but it's looking hopeful," Leicestershire manager Bobby Simpson said.

At Bristol England wicket-keeper Jack Russell played himself into fine batting form for Thursday's Test with his first championship century.

Results

At Upton: Middlesex 442 for two declared in 114 overs (D. Haynes 220 not out, M. Roseberry 135), Essex 257 in 92.5 overs (D. Haynes 74, Embury five for 61) and 91 for one (G. Gooch 57 not out).

At Worcester: Yorkshire 222 in 66.5 overs and 106 for two (A. Metcalfe 56 not out, Worcester 288 in 100.1 overs (I. Botham 86, S. McLean 54).

At Harnham: Sussex 235 in 97.1 overs and 57 for one (Lancashire 324 in 91.4 overs (M. Atherton 76, G. Fowler 54 not out, M. Watkinson 51, P. Allott 42, A. Dodd made six for 106).

At Taunton: Walsley, Nottinghamshire 477 for six declared in 109.3 overs, Kent 275 in 91 overs (S. Marsh 114 not out) and 37 for two.

At Leicester: Hampshire 349 for seven declared in 94 overs, Leicestershire 178 in 53.5 overs (J. Whistler 62, L. Potter 43, P. Willey 42, P. Bakker four for 51) and 189 for six (Leicestershire 40 not out).

At Bristol: Somerset 223 in 73.5 overs and 53 for no wicket, Gloucestershire 381 for seven declared in 122.3 overs (R. Russell 120, K. Curran 103 not out, I. Butcher 41, S. Rose four for 78).

At Edgbaston: Warwickshire 202 in 55 overs and 86 for five, Northamptonshire 318 for eight declared in 96 overs (D. Capel 89, A. Lamb 48, R. Bailey 40).

Other match:

At the Parks: Glamorgan 388 for seven declared in 99 overs and 10 for no wicket, Oxford University 218 in 79.2 overs (M. Crawley 67, D. Curtis 43, D. Hagan 43, S. Bastian four for 51).

ICC Trophy

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, June 5. (Reuters): Result on the first day of the International Cricket Conference (ICC) Trophy cricket tournament yesterday.

Scores: The Netherlands 402 for four (R. Gomes 169 not out, N. Clarke 154), Israel 64 (S. Labbers four for 13).

At the Hague: Malaysia 80 (A.J. Traicos four for 10), Zimbabwe 81 for one (A. Flower 56 not out), Zimbabwe won by nine wickets.

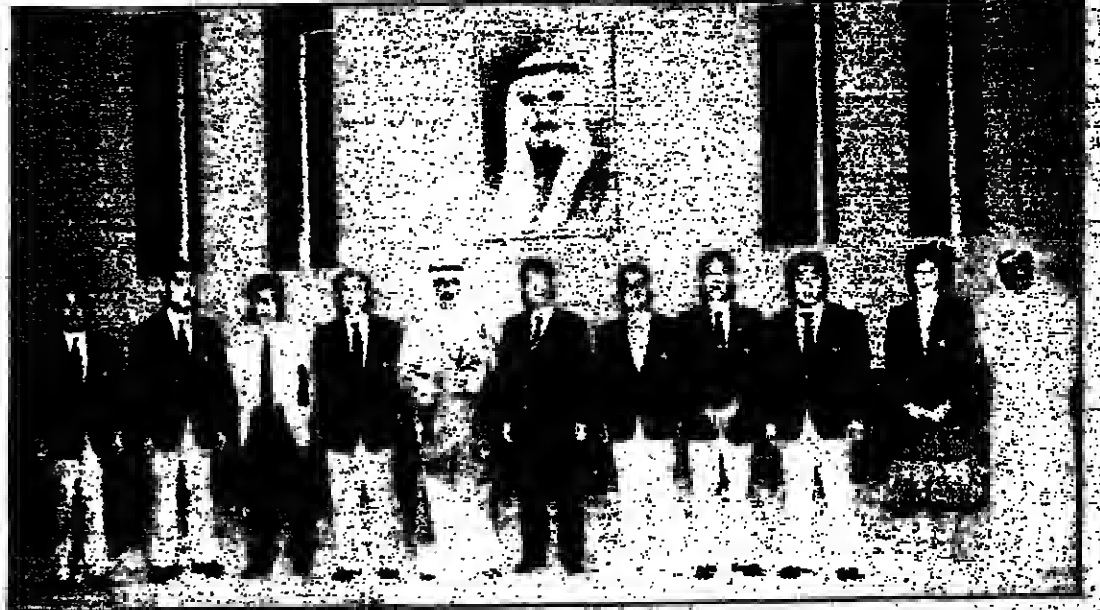
Singapore 108 (M. Prasad four for 21), Canada 110 for two, Canada won by eight wickets.

In Rotterdam: Kenya 189 for nine, Bangladesh 190 for seven, Bangladesh won by three wickets.

Fiji 206 for nine (V. Campbell 55), Bermuda 148, Fiji won by 58 runs.

In Haarlem: US 198 for seven (Z. Anis 53), Gibraltar 103 (Anis four for 29), US won by 95 runs.

In Nijmegen: Papua New Guinea 265 for two (T. A.O. 88, T. Raka 59 not out), Argentina 98, Papua New Guinea won by 167 runs.



Sheikh Meshal (centre) with the Japanese delegation.

Referees seminar opens

THE 8th Asia Karate Referees Course and Technical Seminar, organised by Apuko, opened in Kuwait yesterday in the Shamsa Hall of the Kuwait International Hotel.

This seminar has attracted a very large gathering of karate experts from Japan and other countries.

The participants were welcomed to Kuwait by Sheikh Meshal Al Sabah. Sheikh Meshal thanked all of them for coming to Kuwait to attend the seminar, especially Yamakoka, the secretary-general of Wuko.

Sheikh Meshal, who is the president of the Kuwait Karate Federation, said this was the 8th seminar being conducted by his federation and the third since he was elected to the present post. A number of karate personalities addressed the gathering on the opening day, including Tommy Morris, the chairman of the International Referees Council.

Japan is being represented at the seminar by an eight-member team. While the seminar continues through to June 11, the Apuko executive bureau will hold its meeting on June 8/9.



Above and below: instructions being given.



Cup stadium fails to meet safety standards

ROME, June 5. (Reuters): Rome's Olympic stadium, where the World Cup final will be played, does not comply fully with safety standards, Italy's interior Ministry said today.

But it said Interior Minister Antonio Gava had granted special dispensation so the stadium, rebuilt in a rush for the World Cup at a cost of \$140 million, could be used during the month-long soccer tournament starting on Friday.

A spokesman confirmed a report in the Communist Party newspaper L'Unita which said ministry inspectors had found several aspects of the 80,000-seat stadium's design fell short of legal safety requirements.

These included emergency access tunnels below the legal minimum height for fire engines, inadequate escape routes for spectators and terracing of irregular height and width.

Mubarak Ghanim, a key defender for the United Arab Emirates, still hasn't recovered from an injury and may not start in the team's opening World Cup game against Colombia, team officials said.

Ghanim hurt his knee 10 days ago during a training game against Nimex, France. He hasn't been able to practice hard since he arrived at the team's training camp in Imola.

UAE coach Carlos Alberto Parreira will wait until tomorrow before making a decision on whether Ghanim will start against Colombia in the team's opening Group D match in Bologna on Saturday.

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'Egypt on patriotic mission'

CAIRO, June 5. (Reuters): President Hosni Mubarak told Egypt's World Cup soccer finalists they were on a patriotic mission that could enhance the country's international standing.

"Consider yourselves on a patriotic mission," Mubarak told the team a day before they were to leave for Italy, where the World Cup kicks off on Friday.

"Exert all possible effort, put up a distinguished performance, and show up in a respectable way to raise Egypt's head up high in front of the world," Mubarak added.

The first Egyptian team to qualify for the World Cup finals since 1934 turned a few heads last month when they beat Scotland 3-1 during a friendly on their home turf.

Egypt are placed in Group F with England, the Netherlands and Ireland.

but practised separately after undergoing medical tests on his injured left calf in a Rome hospital.

Central defender Jurgen Kohler may miss West Germany's opening World Cup soccer match against Yugoslavia because of a muscle injury, the team doctor said today.

Kohler injured his right hamstring during a training session yesterday and is undergoing intensive treatment at the German team's training headquarters.

Colombia, making their first appearance in the World Cup finals since 1962, are trying to shake off slight injuries to key defenders Andres Escobar and Carlos Mario Hoyos before their opening match on Saturday.

The pair have been undergoing physiotherapy for leg injuries but manager Francisco Maturana said today he was not worried about them.

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Unity beat Cosmos for hockey title

UNION avenged their last week's defeat in the semifinals of the Champions Trophy hockey tournament when they out-played Cosmos in the finals of the Sharma Trophy at the Ahmadi grounds this week.

Unity's midfield control was the main force behind their domination of the game. They kept on feeding their forward and simultaneously succeeded in defending and averting the Cosmos attacks. Cosmos goalkeeper and captain Chris was in his usual form and saved his team from isolated attacks from the Unity forwards.

The subdued first half saw both teams having equal possession of the ball but it was the Unity forwards who created the moves but they either tumbled at the last hurdle or had goalkeeper Chris to reckon with.

Despite the high temperatures, the second half produced more exciting hockey as both teams started mounting up pressure in search for a breakthrough. Unity's first goal came of a

deflection when centre forward Anil's goal-bound ball was deflected over goalkeeper Chris into the net.

Cheered on by their supporters Cosmos counter-attacked but could not make any tectacy as the Unity defence succeeded in averting their attacks. Ifekar of Unity put the result beyond doubt when he dribbled past two defenders and beat the on-rushing Chris to put Unity 2 up and claim the prestigious Sharma Trophy.

Mohammed Naem, hon. secretary of Unity's Cricket & Hockey Association proposed a vote of thanks to the Sharma family who have been sponsoring the Sharma tournament for the last 35 years and asked Mr and Mrs Man Mohan Sharma to present the winners and runners-up the trophy and individual gifts.

Games scheduled for Friday June 8, 1990: 4.45 pm the finals of the Kuwait Independence Trophy — Unity Versus Flying Arrows.

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